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Ambassadors for Christ

35th Annual Ladies' Day

Hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

Speaker: Whitney Watson

Thursday, April 20



By Dan Jenkins

How Did That Turn Out?

Who has not had that period in their life where the darkest clouds surrounded them, and the raging storms of life threatened them? Who has not been filled with anxiety and felt like Luke, who described that storm he shared with Paul on the apostle's voyage to Rome? He said, "Now when nei-

ther sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up" (Acts 27:20). All hope was lost! It seemed to be a totally hopeless situation.

The complete story of Paul's shipwreck can so totally change how we view adversity. Without God, life can be hopeless. This is true for most people, but for His children, is there ever a hopeless situation? Look at the following stories and see how hopelessness turned into great blessings in others' lives.

Ask Joseph about his life—hated by his older brothers; their desire to kill the dreamer; sold as a slave; bought by Potiphar whose wife hated Joseph so much her lies resulted in his imprisonment. Is that not a hopeless situation? Now ask Joseph later in his life, "How did all that turn out?" There is always hope with God.

After Moses fled from Egypt, ask him about his life—the results of him trying to do right in slaying the Egyptian who

was beating the Jew; the desire of Pharaoh to kill him; his flight from Egypt; his fall from the palaces of Egypt to living like a nomad tending sheep for the next forty years. Is that not a hopeless situation? Now ask him again as he stood on Mount Pisgah and viewed the land flowing with milk and honey in all of its resplendent beauty. Ask him now, "How did that turn out?" There is always hope with God.

Ask Hezekiah about his hopeless situation—Assyria destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel, and that massive army had come south and surrounded Jerusalem. What hope was there when nearly 200,000 soldiers were ready to break open the gates or scale the walls of the city? It was a hopeless situation. Wait just a few days and ask Hezekiah, "How did that turn out?" Ask him how the king of Assyria lost 185,000 soldiers without the Jews having a single loss.

Ask the jailor in Philippi about that nightmare when in the middle of the night an earthquake freed all his prisoners. Ask him how hopeless he felt as he was ready to commit suicide. Ask him just hours later, "How did that turn out?" Ask him about the joy he then had as he shared a meal with his family and newfound friends. There is always hope with God.

Now make the application of these stories to your life. Life viewed without God may seem hopeless, but remember how these stories turned out. There is always hope with God.

Life viewed without God may seem hopeless, but wait to see how it turns out



By David Sproule

"Does Your Church?" (Part 2)—The Beginning of the Church

When did your church begin? That's an important question to answer. We often like to know when a thing started. Some businesses will advertise, "Doing business since 1963." That's when they began their company. Your date of birth is needed on many forms and transactions today, as it

uniquely identifies your own origin.

Where did your church begin? That's another important question to answer. We often like to know where something originated. On the tags attached to many garments, it will indicate where it was made. How often have you yourself been asked, "Where are you from? Where were you born?" Your place of birth tied with your date of birth is very unique to you and helps to identify who you are.

The same is true for the church. That's why it is important to know "when" your church began and "where" your church began. Did you know that the Bible reveals precisely "when" and "where" the Lord's church began? This information uniquely identifies for us the church of the Bible.

The prophet Daniel foretold that the Lord's kingdom (i.e., "church," Matt. 16:18-19) would be established during the days of the Roman Empire (Dan. 2:31-45). When Jesus came, He announced, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of

God is at hand" (Mark 1:15). He pinpointed that it would come "with power" during the lifetime of those who heard Him (Mark 9:1). Just before His ascension, Jesus told His disciples that they would "receive [this] power when the Holy Spirit" came upon them (Acts 1:8). In Acts 2, Peter explained the things happening on that day (Pentecost) were the fulfillment of the events prophesied to take place in "the last days" (2:16-17; cf. Joel 2:28-32), including the church (Isa. 2:2). The Holy

Spirit came upon the apostles that day, fulfilling the sign that the church would be "present with power." That's when the church of Christ began.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the Lord's house (i.e., "church," 1 Tim. 3:15) would be established in the city of Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4). When Jesus came, He told His disciples that "power from on high" would mark the coming of His kingdom in the city of Jerusalem (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). In Acts 2, the church was established when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles in the city of Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-5). That's where the church of Christ began.

What about your church? Have you ever traced when and where it began? Most "churches" today were established many centuries after and many miles away from the one in the Bible. The church of Christ finds its beginning on the day of Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem. Does your church?

The church of Christ finds its beginning on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem.



By Josh Blackmer

United Against Leggings

So leggings happened, and United Airlines said no. You may have heard about this already. Two teenage girls tried to board a United Airlines flight using the “buddy pass” (a free flight voucher) and were denied access because they were wearing leggings. According to United, there is a dress code policy for anyone flying with the vouchers because that person represents the company. This is not a debate about wearing leggings, yoga pants or spandex in public. However, wearing anything in public that essentially just changes the color of your skin is not a good idea, #justsayno. This is more about representing something bigger than yourself.

As much as people like to espouse individualism and no ties to anything, everyone represents some group. If you have a job, you represent that company or employer while on the job and in some cases, even off the job. If you are a family member, you represent that family group. If you are a part of any group, then you are a representative of that group. No person can say that they are exempt from being a representative.

We must think about this in relationship to our lives as Christians. When we became Christians, we were given a voucher of sorts, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free

gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). God said it this way by the pen of Paul, “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord” (Eph. 5:1-10).

It is easy to see from the passage above the concept of what being an “ambassador for Christ” really means (2 Cor. 5:20). We were “bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:20). Everything we do should be to “glorify your Father” (Matt. 5:16). Being freed from the slavery of sin and death, we have been made slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:17-18). You represent the fullness of God’s love, mercy, grace and redemptive promise.

You represent the fullness of God’s love...

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Resist the devil!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are at war! It is not a war to liberate an oppressed nation. It is not a war to conquer a land. It is a war for our souls—for our very survival! To be victorious in this war, we must choose sides—decisively, firmly, purposefully, enduringly! Simultaneously, we must, according to James 4:7, (1) “submit to God” (become a part of THE winning team) and (2) “resist the devil” (oppose and take a stand against THE enemy)! “Submit” is a passive verb—let God be in control! “Resist” is an active verb—you must be in control against the devil!

What if we choose to fight our own way? What if we choose to not-so-actively “resist” the devil? What if we “submit” only when it is easy, convenient or in our best interest? If we choose that path, we will find ourselves the recipient of the other time that the word “resist” is found in this passage: “God resists the proud” (4:6).

Let us give our all to “submit to God” and to “resist the devil” every single day! – DS



Are YOU guarding the church?

The church of our Lord was purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. It has as its primary purpose the salvation of souls—reaching out to the lost who have never obeyed Christ, and exhorting those who have obeyed to serve Christ lovingly, energetically and faithfully.

Those who are in the body of Christ have the responsibility to guard and protect it, just as one would guard and protect his own physical body. With our attention focused squarely on the church’s primary purpose of saving souls, there is no place for arguing politics in the church, there is no place for compromising truth to adapt to the culture, there is no place for seeking to entertain the masses, there is no place for trying to look like or compete with religious groups that are teaching and promoting error.

One reason the church is so splintered today is because man has imposed his own passions and purposes into the church instead of staying true to God’s passions and purposes! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmy Burney	recovering from a fall
Cora Lee Dennis	recovering from a fall
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical testing
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from surgery on fractured femur
Ruth Milton	has a blood clot in her leg
Harriet Morris	recovering from a fall
Charles Norton	Good Samaritan Hospital (room 295), pneumonia
Joyce Parker	continues to slowly improve
Mary Reeves	epidural in back and chronic tendonitis in shoulder
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from gallbladder surgery
Sherrick Thomas	Lawnwood Regional Medical Ctr. (no visitors), improving
Cherylan Wineinger	recovering from a severe ear infection

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
Ray Faison	Annie Faison's son, recovering from stroke
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, cancer and other health issues
Samuel Holmes	Ophelia Holmes' husband, recovering from a stroke
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, still undergoing testing
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, recovering from eye surgery
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, now under Hospice Care
Hyacinth Robinson	Marcia Walker's sister, recovering from a stroke
Edward Sims	Jimmie Banks' stepfather, knee replacement on April 7
Monika Sims	Jimmie Banks' sister, undergoing medical testing
Jim Slone	Betty Sanders' brother, ICU in Ft. Pierce, induced coma

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
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, April 2

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 9

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

Thursday, April 13

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

Sunday, April 16

- ◆ **Mount Dora Children’s Home Supply Deadline.** A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk. Please place donated items in the Lobby. Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Publix are also appreciated.
- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

- ◆ **Ladies’ Day hosted by Palm Beach Lakes.** Whitney Watson will be speaking on *“Ambassadors for Christ.”*

5:45 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.	Opening Comments
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Served by PBL Men
7:30 p.m.	Lesson: <i>“Ambassadors for Christ”</i>

Friday-Sunday, April 21-23

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year’s theme is *“Living Life On Par.”* Cost is \$40 per person. Josh Blackmer is the retreat coordinator. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, April 22

- ◆ **13th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at CFBC.** See the bulletin board for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, April 3

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

Friday, April 7

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Guys’ Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. See Cam Crofts or Dan Fuller for details.

Friday, April 14

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

Saturday, April 15

- ◆ **Young Adults Go to the Escape Room.** Location TBD. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, April 18

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, April 2

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

Friday, April 7

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Guys’ Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. See Cam Crofts or Dan Fuller for details.

Sunday, April 9

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

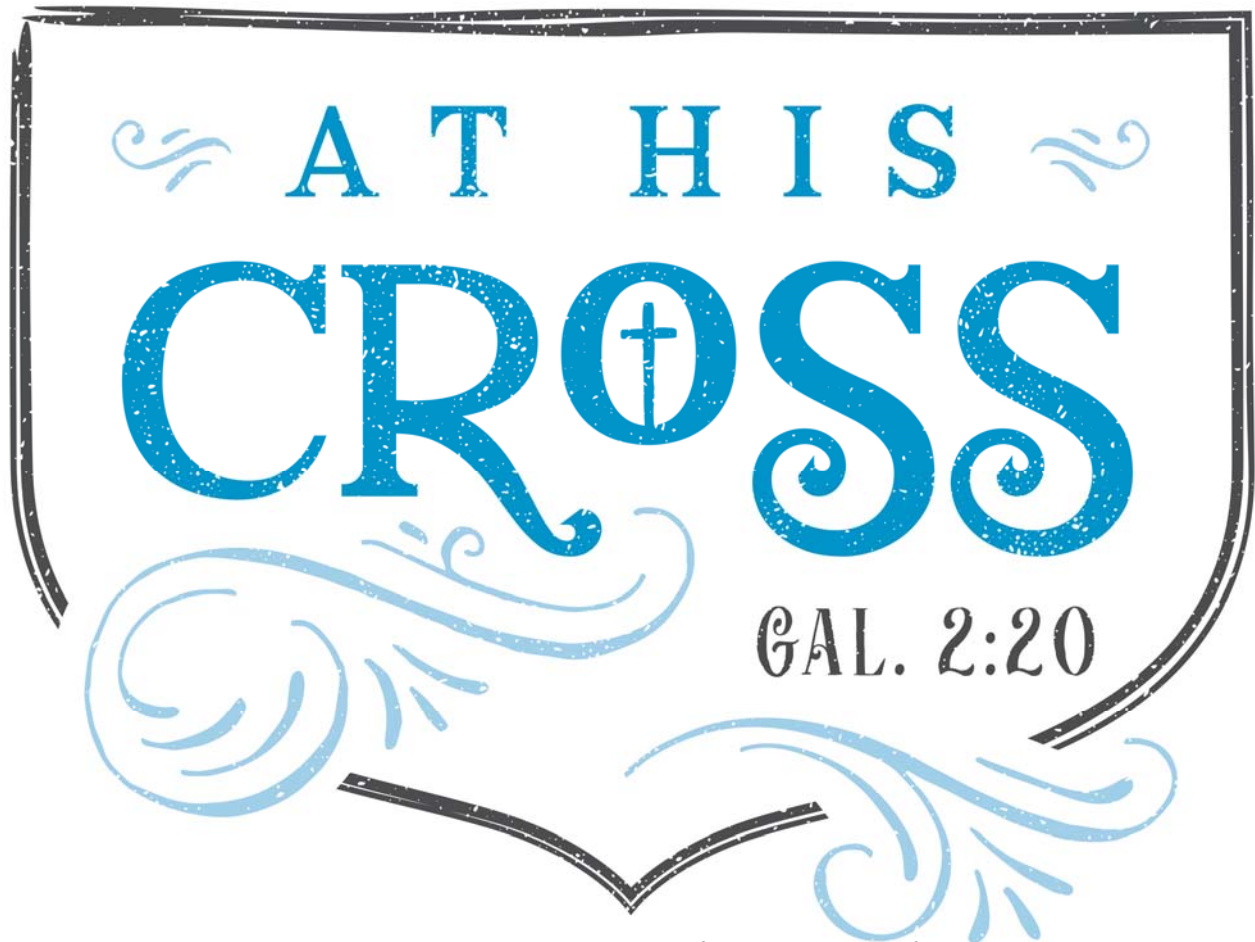
Friday, April 14

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

Saturday, April 15

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Jr. High arrive at the building at 8:45 a.m.

APRIL:



I Find Motivation

*“When my love for man grows weak,
When for stronger faith I seek,
Hill of Calvary! I go
To thy scenes of fear and woe.
Then to life I turn again,
Learning all the worth of pain,
Learning all the might that lies
In a full self-sacrifice.”*

(John R. Wreford, 1837)

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



Sunday
March 26

To my brothers and sisters in Christ,
Thank you for your cards, calls, flowers and prayers during the passing of my mother, **Idella White**. On behalf of my family and myself, we express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness shown and the love we have been given during our time of bereavement.

In Christian love,
Betty White & family

I want to thank all my brothers and sisters in my Lord's church for all your thoughts and prayers for me. Thank you for visiting me in the hospital and to David Thorpe for bringing communion to me. Thank you for the cards, calls and texts. I may be good in walking around, but I am weak in all the rest. I don't know when I will be back there together with you. Please keep up the prayers, and I thank you for them. You all are my family, and my love and prayers are for you all.

Joyce Parker

LOCAL VISITORS: Jennifer Anderson; Jim & Cindy Beard; Larry & Judy Beard; Greg Bland; Colin Boulin; David Bound; Darrell Bowers; Terry & Regina Crews; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Ms. Crystal Eubanks; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Keith Hatchett; Ms. Karen MacDonald; Ms. Sue Maisano; Mrs. Sharon Mann; Ms. Pat Patterson; & Henry & Alecia Smith.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Lauren Bacon, Tuscumbia, AL; Jerry & Nancy Berry, Akron, OH; Miss Conley Clouse, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Royce Harbin, Springfield, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Skip Jaeger, Boonville, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Jones, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Diane Joy, Artesia, NM; Miss Jaime Leonard, Henderson, TN; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. Kyle Nelson, Palatka, FL; Miss Jenna Painter, Henderson, TN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Zachariah Thurston; Mr. & Mrs. Virgil True & Benjamin, Franklin, TN; Matthew & Julie Watson & Jonah; and Mrs. Faith Woodward & Shannon, Nashville, TN.



Sunday (Apr. 2nd)
Kyle & Sheena Sink (Ann.)
Lorena Pittman

Friday (Apr. 7th)
Kristen Fuller
Lauren Fuller

Monday (Apr. 3rd)
Giselle Smith

Saturday (Apr. 8th)
Micky Affron
Jean Archer
Zula Garrett
Nadia King

Tuesday (Apr. 4th)
Jeannie Hamilton

Wednesday (Apr. 5th)
Elizabeth Summerlot

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, April 2

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Dan McLeod
Scripture Reading..... Tim Fry
Presiding at Table Eugene Williams
Serve at Table:
Doug Carrick Wallace Jones
Edward Gager Orlando Lolo
Eddie Gooden Kevin Weeks
Errol Gower-Winter Austin Williams
Alternates
Victor Colage Jeff Leslie
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, April 2

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading..... Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table..... Jimmie Banks
Josiah Blackmer
Bob Higbee
Jacade Reynolds
Closing Prayer Daniel Swayne
Wednesday Evening, April 5
Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Tim Fry
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Mar. 26</u>	<u>Feb. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	229	249
Sun. A.M. Worship	356	374
Sun. P.M. Worship	219	165
Wed. Bible Study	206	186
Contribution	\$16,051	\$14,896
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +2,818		

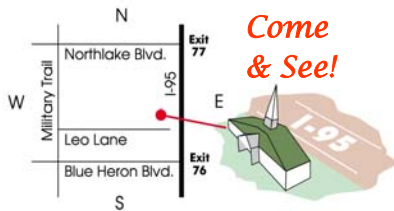
Ushers for the week of **April 2:** Head Usher: Novel Brown; David Brown & Marvin Dozier



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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: Dan & Luann McLeod

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).

