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Welcome New Members



Blackmer, Vivian

Group 1

Baptized March 26



Bland, Greg

Group 2

Identified May 21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 18-21

The fun begins each night at 7:00 p.m.
Classes for all ages! (children & adults)



By Dan Jenkins

Every Letter in Every Word in Every Verse

Understanding the nature of inspiration will open doors to deeper understanding as you study the Bible. Consider that when Moses brought the tablets of stone down from Mount Sinai there were no misspelled words on those stones. Every word was chosen by God. Every single letter of every word had been chosen and written by the hand of God.

Jesus believed in the importance of just one word. The Sadducees asked Jesus about the problem that the resurrection presented regarding the woman who had been married seven times. He answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God" (Matt. 22:29, ESV). He emphasized one word spoken at the burning bush and said that because God said, "I am the God of Abraham," instead of "I was the God of Abraham," you could prove the resurrection. Just one word. Look at the following examples of the importance of just one word.

The importance of the word "your." For years, many have struggled with Paul's instruction that a woman was not to speak in the assembly, and that if she wanted to ask a question, she was to wait and ask her husband at home. Many asked, "What about all those women who do not have a husband. Who are they to ask?" Just one word settles it. Look at

the context. Paul had been giving instructions regarding the behavior of the prophets (1 Cor. 14:29-33). He then said, "Let your women keep silent in the churches." What women? Your women—the wives of the prophets. It was the prophet's wife who was most likely to interrupt the prophet's message in that assembly. He specifically addressed those wives of the prophets. Could other women speak in the assembly? Absolutely not. He addresses all women in the next verse saying, "It is a shame for women to speak in the church."

Read your Bible. Look at every word and this will open doors of understanding

The importance of the word "this." Many have overlooked the word "this" in Matthew 24:14. One of the signs given about events before the destruction of Jerusalem was that "...this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world" as the final sign the city was about to be destroyed. Look carefully at what He said. It was not just that the gospel would be preached. It was that this gospel—the good news of the kingdom that God had overthrown Judaism and its temple, and the Gentiles could have common access to God. They preached far more than His death, His burial and His resurrection. They preached the fact that all men, Jews and Gentiles, could come to God. Now that is great news!

Read your Bible and look at every word in every verse. It will open many doors of deeper understanding. Every letter of every word has been chosen by God!



By David Sproule

"The Lord Laid It on My Heart"

It is an expression frequently heard on religious television and radio. All too often the man who is doing the preaching will say something like, "I want you to share with you something that the Lord laid on my heart." Of course, it is not just televangelists who say this. It is a common saying among many religious folks. I don't want to call anyone's sincerity into question, but how should we understand a statement like that? How can we know if the Lord really did lay something on a person's heart? Is it possible the Lord may lay something on my heart? Is it a legitimate thing for people to say or claim?

First Kings 13 tells of a man of God who faithfully spoke "the word of the Lord" and was careful not to violate what the Lord had "commanded" him (13:2, 7-10). But an old prophet came and spoke something different than what the Lord had told the younger prophet. And it was pretty convincing. "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying..." (13:18). The words of the old prophet sounded good, and he said that an angel of the Lord told him. But the rest of the verse says that he "was lying." A man made a claim that was not true, but the younger prophet did not know it. The Lord had not laid anything on that old prophet's heart, particularly something that violated His own commands.

To presume the Lord has spoken does not mean He has!

In another passage, the Lord spoke through Moses about "the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name" (Deut. 18:20). Such a prophet would come forth and likely say things like, "The Lord told me that such and such was going to happen," or "I am coming to you in the name of the Lord," or even, "The Lord laid this on my heart to share with you." That prophet may sincerely believe that what he is saying is really "from the Lord," and he may convince others that his message really is from the Lord. But, is it? To presume the Lord has spoken does not mean He has!

How can I know the will of God? First, I need to realize that God's revelation has been "once for all delivered" (Jude 3), which means no further revelation will be made. Second, I need to accept that God's revealed will in His Word is complete and all-sufficient (2 Tim. 3:16-17), supplying me with everything I need to live and to serve God (2 Pet. 1:3). Third, I need to admit that if I believe God laid something on my heart, then someone else has an equal right to claim that God has laid the complete opposite on his heart, and who is to say who is "right" and who is "wrong"? That's why God's Word is the perfect, complete and final standard in all things (John 12:48).

David said, "Thy word have I hidden in my heart" (Psa. 119:11). That's how God lays something on our hearts today—when we read it, meditate upon it and write it on our hearts!



By Josh Blackmer

Where Are the Nine?

Jesus was on His way up to Jerusalem. His path took Him between Galilee and Samaria. This latter place was considered worthless by many, as its inhabitants were mingled half-breed sons of Abraham. As Jesus and His disciples approached yet another small village, there was a group of ten lepers standing at a distance. They did that—stood at a distance. It was a habit, as they were shunned by society as “unclean” and “untouchable,” as the law commanded (Num. 5:2). There was no cure for what they had, but they had heard about this Jesus who was approaching. So they cry out to Him, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” (Luke 17:13). Jesus turns to them and says, “Go and show yourselves to the priests” (17:14). He had not cleansed them in that moment. Jesus had sent them to the priest as there were certain rituals that must be obeyed in order to be made clean (Lev. 14:1-9). As the ten went toward where they were to meet the priest, they were cleansed. Before even reaching their destination they were healed. Upon seeing this, one of them turned back and shouted with a loud voice and glorified God. He fell on his face before the feet of Jesus and thanked Him. “Then Jesus answered and said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?’ And

He said to him, ‘Stand up and go; your faith has made you well’” (Luke 17:17-19). What had this foreigner, a Samaritan, done that the other nine had not? He showed gratitude.

When Jesus asked, “Where are the nine?” He was essentially saying that all should have been grateful for what He had done and the blessing they had received from God. Shouldn’t we have cause to be the most thankful? Not because we’ve been cleansed of a physical uncleanness but cleansed of a spiritual death from which there is no cure without the grace of God and the death of His Son.

The Bible speaks of gratitude toward God. “Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good” (Psa. 107:8-9). “Be thankful... singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father” (Col. 3:15-17). “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1Thess. 5:18).

Thinking of all the things that God has given us, we must be careful to remember to stop, bow and give thanks as the Samaritan did. We should not be counted among the nine in our worship and service to God as those are also ways of showing gratitude for all that He has done for us.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Spread it before the Lord!”

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, sent a threatening letter to Hezekiah, king of Judah, which basically said, “Don’t believe God! He won’t save you! We are going to destroy you! Look at how we have utterly destroyed everyone else in our path!” (Isa. 37:8-13).

Have you ever been in a situation where you didn’t know what to do or where to turn? Have things ever seemed absolutely hopeless? Have you ever just felt completely overwhelmed?

Hezekiah did what every one of us need to do! Picture this! “Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread [the letter] before the Lord. Then Hezekiah prayed to the Lord...” (Isa. 37:14-15). Hezekiah took what he could not handle himself and he laid it out before the Lord and said, “Lord, I need your help!!!” When was the last time you took your burdens, your cares, your heartaches, your troubles and spread them before the Lord? Too many of us are trying to carry them on our own! Remember—“you have not, because you ask not” (Jas. 4:2)! – DS



Two every minute

How long will it take you to read this article? Probably less than a minute. If it takes you about a minute, then within the time that you’re reading this article there will be (on average) two divorces in the United States. Someone might say, “Well, that doesn’t sound too bad.” In an hour, there will be about 115. In a day, about 2,750. (Almost as many baptized on Pentecost.) This year there will around 1,000,000 divorces in this country. Now, how does that sound?

Some statisticians have boasted recently that the divorce rate is dropping. If that’s true, it’s probably due to fewer people actually getting married. (The marriage rate is the lowest it’s been in 150 years.) But two million people will get a divorce just this year. Is that acceptable?

Divorce has probably touched all of our lives in some way. However, does that make it right? The Bible still says that God “hates divorce” (Mal. 2:16), and “what God has joined together, let not man separate” (Matt. 19:6). Let’s do all we can to stand where God stands! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

- Mike Archer** having severe pain, tests to determine possible surgery
- Jordan Beasley** undergoing rehab at home, slowly improving
- Mattie Cox** undergoing medical tests
- Connye Plouffe** recovering from injections to alleviate back pain

Long-Term Health Issues

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



Ted Schuemann upon the passing of his father, **Tom Schuemann**, on Friday May 19. The funeral was held on Wednesday.

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Deborah Lynch, upon the passing of her brother, **James Patterson**, on Friday morning, May 26.

The family of Larry Washington, upon his passing on Friday morning, May 26. He was one of the preachers at the Third Street congregation and had been battling cancer since October.

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

- Sharon Banks** Jimmie Banks' sister, recovering from hospitalization
- Bonnye Cox** Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
- Jackie Handspicker** Brett Lau's grandmother, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Pat Pittman** Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip

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, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

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

Tuesday, May 30

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

Saturday, June 3

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.
- ◆ **Ladies' Seminar hosted by West Broward** beginning at 8:00 a.m. The theme is *"Women's Spiritual Health."* See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, June 4

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **H2H Congregational Labeling Night** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Saturday, June 10

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Sunday, June 11

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Tuesday, May 30

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

Saturday, June 3

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brett & Hayden Lau.

Monday, June 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard.

Saturday, June 10

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Wednesday-Friday, June 14-15

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 28

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

Sunday, June 4

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 7-10

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Keep the campers in your prayers.

Sunday, June 11

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - June, 2017

June 4

June 11

June 18

June 25

Morning Worship Service						
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Matt Ellis	Jerry Hopkins		
Opening Prayer	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Henry Bass	Cam Crotts	Chad Brown		
Scripture Reading	Dan McLeod	Glen Dawson	David Thorpe	Orlando Lolo		
Presiding at Table	Jimmie Banks	Dick Kelley	Jeff Leslie	Chris Thompson		
Serving at Table:	Doug Carrick	Andy Anderson	Victor Colage	Lance Collier		
	Harrison Crotts	Josue Charles	Jim Davis	Gorman Erickson		
	Marvin Dozier	Heath Johnson	Eddie Gooden	Namdidie Ikon		
	Wallace Jones	Deltom Lequernaque	John Loftis	Brett Lau		
	David Lord	Morris McDaniel	Ken Long	Jerry Pittman		
	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Darin Summerlot	Austin Metzkes	Vincent Rogers		
	Scott Studer	Mike Trujillo	Simon Tyson	Nahum Villard		
	Kevin Weeks	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	Austin Williams		
	Closing Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Mike Archer	Jeff Goodale	Paul Metzkes	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	John Loftis	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	
Opening Prayer	Phil Porter	Joe Maloney	Nate Nelson	Gary Jenkins	
Scripture Reading	Bob Higbee	Dirk Summerlot	Carmen Ruckman	Chuck Clark	
Presiding at Table	Richard Lerro	Johnny Davis	Richard Watson	Novel Brown	
Serving at Table:	Rick Hall	Josiah Blackmer	Bobbo Lupo	Andy Fernandez	
	Nick Pietro	Scott Lewis	Jacade Reynolds	Jim Rogers	
	Clayton Trujillo	Jeremy Maloney	Leonard Williams	Shaun Tyson	
Closing Prayer	Henry Williams	David Brown	Mike Ellis	David Holaday	

Alternates:					
	Brent Leslie	Charles Hayes	Dan Fuller	Ed Gager	
	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Gary Seames	Eugene Williams	L.H. Richardson	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	TBD	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Daniel Swayne	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Daniel Swayne	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	June 4 & 7	June 11 & 14	June 18 & 21	June 25 & 28	
Head Usher	Kane Campbell →				
	Mike Erickson	Bobby Ingraham	Mike Damron	Kirk Crews	
	Tim Mahlbacher	Lynn Parker	Rick Price	Errol Gower-Winter	

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Sunday
May 21

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Judy Beard; Richard Gathright; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Ms. Pat Patterson; Major Roman; Mr. & Mrs. Henry & Alicia Smith; and Mrs. Machel Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Walt Arthur, Nashville, TN; Ms. Marcia Byfield, St Mary, Jamaica, W.I.; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Walter Jones & Joshua, Loganville, GA; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL.



Ralph Williams was baptized on Tuesday, May 16.

Sean MacDonald was baptized on Sunday, May 21.

News & Notes

The **High School Graduates' Luncheon** will be on Sunday, June 4 after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (May 28th)

Margie Hardin
Peggy Simpkins

Monday (May 29th)

Grace Judge

Tuesday (May 30th)

Dianna Halenda
Jené Williams

Wednesday (May 31st)

Gary & Angie Seames (Ann.)
Douglas Alvarenga

Thursday (June 1st)

Cynthia Ingraham
Melinda Price
Austin Williams

Friday (June 2nd)

Ken & Connie Tipton (Ann.)

Saturday (June 3rd)

Jenny Jordan
Daniel Swayne

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, May 28

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening PrayerShea Brown
Scripture Reading.....Eugene Williams
Presiding at Table Tim Fry
Serve at Table:
Henry Bass Kenneth Long
Cam Crotts L.H. Richardson
Mike Damron Vincent Rogers
Glen Dawson Shaun Tyson
Alternates
Kirk Crews Namdidie Ikon
Closing Prayer Taylor Reeves

Sunday Evening, May 28

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Micah Trujillo
Scripture Reading..... Ken Tipton
Presiding at Table.....Justin Maloney
Kane Campbell
Jeff Leslie
Austin Williams
Closing PrayerDan McLeod

Wednesday Evening, May 31

Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Invitation..... Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Jim Davis

Our Record

Attendance	May 21	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	242	243
Sun. A.M. Worship	298	389
Sun. P.M. Worship	176	170
Wed. Bible Study	192	189
Contribution	\$15,788	\$15,187

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +3,654

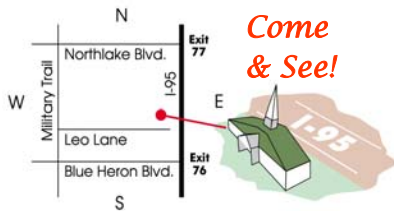
Ushers for week of **May 28**: Head Usher: Lance Collier; Brett Lau & Jerry Pittman



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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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