

Bishops

- Johnny Davis307-4232
- *Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
- Joe Holland 626-2809
- Jerry Hopkins 434-4188
- Phil Porter575-4782
- *Chairman for the Month of June*

Evangelists

- Dan Jenkins744-4559
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer319-1418

Deacons

- Mike Archer422-2995
- David Brown.....972-7608
- Novel Brown 848-6988
- Chuck Clark 627-4132
- Victor Colage.....798-6275
- Lance Collier.....793-2718
- Jim Davis248-3310
- Mike Erickson.....310-9916
- Tim Fry373-9121
- 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. LVI

June 4, 2017

No. 23



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

JUNE 18-21

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

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Hear the greatest stories ever told!



See our graduates on page 6.



By Dan Jenkins

An Overview of God's Eternal Plan

As strange as it may seem, the eternal plan that God has had for this world can be summed up in just a few short statements. Just suppose that you were asked to give an overview of this plan, what phrases or words would you choose? With this in mind, let me suggest four eternal truths about God's plan. Here's my list. How would you briefly express the truths all mankind needs to know?

God has spoken. The fact Jehovah has spoken affirms that He exists. If He is truly the Supreme One, He must have existed eternally. His Deity and His power can be known to all mankind, for in every language on earth the heavens proclaim His glory (Rom. 1:20; Psa. 19:1-2). God is and God has spoken.

Throughout history God has spoken in many ways. For many centuries, He spoke through the prophets, but at the end, He has spoken through Jesus and His prophets. When God's revelation was completed, He left us the Bible which completely furnishes us (Heb. 1:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God. When the Man of Galilee lived on this earth, some did not fully understand who He was. But He is in truth "...the Christ the Son of the living God." God confirmed His claims by "...miracles and wonders and signs." These signs are recorded

so that we might believe Emmanuel came. This faith empowers us to become God's children." (Matt. 16:16; Acts 2:22; John 20:30-31; John 1:12).

God's plan resulted in all men enjoying His promises in the establishment of the one body, the church. He did not immediately reveal His plan for our redemption. It existed before the world began but was fully revealed through Jesus' apostles and prophets. The plan was "...the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel" (Rom. 16:25-26; Eph. 3:3-6). The steps of faith to enter that church are clearly revealed and easily understood.

We must all appear before God to give an account of how we have lived. At the end, Jesus will return, and all men who have ever lived will stand before the great white throne to be judged by how they have lived. There will be a separation made between those who have followed God's teachings as they are recorded in the books of the Bible and those who have not sought His will. Some will hear the words "Come, you blessed of My Father," and others will hear, "Depart from Me." Eternal justice will be meted out (2 Cor. 5:10; Acts 17:30-31; Matt. 25:34, 41; John 5:28-29; John 12:48. Rev. 20:11-15).

It is not enough to know the truths just mentioned. What matters is how you are responding to them!

What phrases would you choose to sum up God and His will for us?



By David Sproule

Men, Why Did You Say, "I Do"?

"Sir, why did you get married?" Was it "to have sex" or "to have someone to cook and clean for me" or "to have someone to do my laundry" or "to consolidate bills" or "to have more money by combining incomes" or "to be happy and settle down"? Was there any reason beyond you and your own desires for getting married?

If you are already married, please take time to consider the following and examine where you should make appropriate changes in your marriage. If you are not married but plan on being married one day, please take time to evaluate where you should be when that happens.

Since Jesus is our perfect example in all things, are you aware that Jesus got married? Yes, He certainly did. The Bible refers to the church as "the bride" of Christ (Rev. 21:2; 22:17). So, as husbands, let us look to Jesus for why we should marry and how we should behave once we're married.

Jesus married because He "loved the church" (Eph. 5:25). This unconditional, unselfish love seeks what is best for the one loved. Jesus did not marry for selfish reasons.

Jesus married when He "gave Himself for her" (Eph. 5:25). His sacrificial love prompted Him to give "Himself for us,

an offering and a sacrifice to God" (5:2). Jesus gave (and continues to give) His all in order to marry His bride.

Jesus married "that He might sanctify" her (Eph. 5:26). He wanted His bride set apart unto Himself and to Him alone. She belongs to Him and no one else.

Jesus married the church, in order that He might "nourish and cherish" her (Eph. 5:29). He wants to provide for her and keep her warm with His tender care. Jesus does not want His bride having her deepest needs met by anyone else.

Jesus married so that He could commune with His bride every Lord's day (Matt. 26:29; Heb. 2:12). There is nothing more important to Jesus than worshiping "with" His love every Sunday.

Jesus married with an eye on the second coming, "that He might present her to Himself a glorious" bride (Eph. 5:27). Jesus wanted (and wants) more than anything to spend an eternity with His bride in heaven. Jesus has done all that He can to make that a reality.

Sir, would you go back and read these things with eye on extracting a personal application from each one? Jesus is the ultimate example for us in our responsibilities within our marriages. If these six emphases above, which Jesus had for His marriage, do not match yours, what changes do you need to make...today? For Jesus, there is nothing more important!

Are you aware that Jesus got married? Yes, He certainly did!



By Josh Blackmer

Go Home

A familiar event in the life of Jesus has captured my attention recently. Not for its familiarity but for a detail that I had overlooked. That detail has been on my mind. This event is recorded in Mark chapter five and Luke chapter eight.

The scene opens with Jesus getting out of a boat as they had crossed the Sea of Galilee. He was immediately met with a man inhabited by thousands of demons who says to Him, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!” (Mark 5:7). Jesus asks the demon who he is, and his reply was, “My name is Legion; for we are many” (Mark 5:9). The demon implores Jesus not to send him out of the land, “into the abyss” (Luke 8:31). He asks to be allowed to go into the pigs, and Jesus allows this to happen. Then, 2,000 pigs run down to the Sea of Galilee and drown. The man that had been living among the tombs and wandering in the desert was now healed. The man that could not be bound was now set free. Many people feared Jesus at that point. Those that witnessed the event ran to the nearby city and into the country side exclaiming what had happened. When they came back to kindly ask Jesus to leave, Luke records that the man was sitting at Jesus’ feet. He had been there probably for a long time as the men went about gather-

You may not be the person that gets in the boat, you may need to go home.

ing the people to come and see. So as Jesus was leaving, the man that had been healed implored Jesus once again. Now in his right mind, he did not ask to be rid of Jesus but to follow him. Jesus’ reply was this, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you” (Mark 5:19). This has been on my mind.

Here is someone who really wanted to follow Jesus, but Jesus did not permit it. This would have been a very faithful disciple. Why could he not follow? We don’t know. Here is what we do know. He did not go away sad like other would-be followers. “And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed” (Mark 5:20). That may have been exactly what he was prepared for. In Luke 9:49, John tells Jesus that they found someone teaching in Jesus’ name and casting out demons. I like to think that Jesus smiled in that moment and thought of the man healed of the legion and replied, “Do not hinder him; for he who is not against you is for you” (Luke 9:50). We can’t know that it was the preacher in Decapolis, but it could have been.

You may not be the person that gets in the boat and goes across the sea. You may be the person that goes home and shares the amazing things that God has done with your life. Maybe that is what you were prepared for.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Embittered against the church

For a variety of reasons, Christians over the years have allowed themselves to become embittered against the church: a preacher or an elder because of the demands of the work; the wife or children of a preacher or elder because of the demands of the work; a church member because of the behavior of another church member, or because of a decision of the elders, or because too much was asked of them, or because of a feeling of being overlooked or neglected; a straying member from whom fellowship was withdrawn; etc. There is no end to the list of reasons why some Christians have grown estranged and even resentful toward the church.

If this describes you, can I ask you a question (or two)? **What about Jesus?** He died on the cross for His church! Have you talked to Him about it? Have you placed your unwavering trust in Him? **What about you?** Is there something in your heart that is fostering embitterment? What would it take on your part for a fresh start with the body of Jesus? Remember: Jesus loved and gave Himself “for me” (Gal. 2:20) and for “the church” (Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:2)! – DS



Tasting the Lord’s goodness

Taste is such a vivid sense. Watch the face of baby who bites into a lemon. Watch as someone takes a big sip of iced tea that they thought was sweet (and it wasn’t).

Eating is essential to life. This is especially true in the life of a child. The only way to properly grow is to eat. And, eating is much more desirous when the food tastes especially good.

In First Peter 2, the apostle urged his fellow Christians, “as newborn babes,” to “desire the pure milk of the word” (2:2). Why should they desire to eat? “That you may grow thereby” (2:2). But, what could really enhance his craving to eat God’s Word, so that he could grow? The taste! The taste would determine the craving, which would determine the amount one would eat, which would determine growth. So, what is there to taste? “Indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious” (2:3). The goodness, kindness and graciousness of the Lord (in our past, in our present and in our future) ought to create an insatiable craving in us for the Lord! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	suffering with severe pain in legs
Jordan Beasley	undergoing rehab at home, slowly improving
Charles Hayes	scheduled for surgery on June 15
Connye Plouffe	dealing with constant pain in her back

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
Jackie Handspicker	Brett Lau's grandmother, diagnosed with lung cancer
Bill Mills	Tasha Ellis' father, recovering at home from rehab
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
Jane Woodruff	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer

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	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

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, 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.
- ♦ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.** Will resume next week.
- ♦ **H2H Congregational Labeling Night** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 6

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

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

Wednesday-Friday, June 14-16

- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Saturday, June 17

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

Sunday-Wednesday, June 18-21

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Under the Big Top."* There are classes for all ages (babies and adults, too). Please arrive early to register your child.

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

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 14-16

- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Saturday, June 17

- ♦ **Young Adult Mini-Golf** at 5:30 p.m. at Lighthouse Cove Mini Golf. Bring \$12 for golf plus money for food and ice cream. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, June 23

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks and drinks.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

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.

Friday, June 23

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks and drinks.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Cruz Fernandez

High School: Homeschooling Education Program & Florida Virtual

Activities in School: martial arts, dance, aerobics, vocal performances, volleyball

Awards: Leadership Achievement Award Certificate from YYLC

Hobbies: singing, drawing, reading, watching movies, family time, PBL church activities, making smoothies

Future plans: Become a successful entrepreneur and pursue her musical dreams

Favorite Quote/Saying:

"Imagination is more important than knowledge." (Albert Einstein)



Lena Gadson

High School: Indian Ridge

Activities in School: volunteering as a Helper with Elementary Students at Indian Ridge

Awards: Honor Roll

Hobbies: music, singing, rapping, helping others, taking pictures, fashion, reading, writing music and poems

Future plans: Attend Believers Academy and Palm Beach State College, operate her own music studio

Favorite Quote/Saying: "For every dark night, there's a brighter day." (Tupac Shakur)



Arie Neale

High School: Suncoast

Activities in School: Football

Awards: Drafting and Design Technology, Best Mastercam Drafter, Best Inventor Drafter, Most Certifications Earned, The Best at Drafting and Design Technology

Hobbies: play video games, repair and reprogram electronics, watch cartoons, eat, sleep

Future plans: Attend FAMU, pursue a career in Electronic Engineering Technology

Favorite Quote/Saying: "I don't have one."



Carmen Ruckman

High School: Dwyer

Hobbies: movies, basketball, video games, Senior High activities

Future plans: Open up his own business and start a clothing line

Favorite Quote/Saying: "With patience and God on your side, good things will happen to you."

Other High School Graduates: *(not pictured)*

Julio Aristy, III

Recent College Graduates: *(if known)*

Kelly Hall (Harding University)

Kristen Fuller (Freed-Hardeman University)

Lauren Fuller (Freed-Hardeman University)



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



Sunday
May 28

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cindy Beard; Mrs. & Mrs. Richard & Bonnie Beatty; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Allison Kelly; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan; Miss Natasha Ortiz; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker; Ms. Pat Patterson; Miss Janise Paul; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Mr. Angel Santiago & Anjelyne; Ms. Olivia Thompson; Ms. Machel Williams & Macquas; and Mr. Herman Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin & Robbin Bray & family, Ponte Vedra, FL; Mrs. Susan Canty, Jacksonville, FL; Mrs. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle & Brandi Crews & family, St. Charles, MO; Ms. Pearl El, Jacksonville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Henderson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Pete & Kristi Harker & family, Huntsville, AL; Mr. Karl Marcussen, South Ben, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Jackie Monahan, Columbus, MS; Mr. & Mrs. Wade & Sheri Trent & family, Okeechobee, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Julie Watson, North Little Rock, AR.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (June 5th)

Lance Collier
Haley Hall
Shirley Hopkins
Brandon Thomas

Tuesday (June 6th)

Andy & Letha Anderson (Ann.)
Sandy DeVall

Wednesday (June 7th)

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)
Ted Friesner
Maria Hackshaw

Thursday (June 8th)

Maggie Dozier

Friday (June 9th)

Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)
Scott & Linda Studer (Ann.)
Namdidie Ikon

Saturday (June 10th)

Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)
Errol Gower-Winter
Phyiona Patterson
Amberdenise Puckett
Joshua Seames

Thank You Note

Words seem so inadequate to express our thanks to all of you for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, food, flowers, hugs and love during the illness and death of our mother. We love all of you so very much. — The Ruth Milton Family

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, June 4

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scripture Reading Dan McLeod
Presiding at Table Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table:
Doug Carrick David Lord
Harrison Crotts Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Marvin Dozier Scott Studer
Wallace Jones Kevin Weeks
Alternates
Brent Leslie Ivan Villard, Jr.
Closing Prayer Freddie Gadson

Sunday Evening, June 4

Lead Singing John Loftis
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Bob Higbee
Presiding at Table Richard Lerro
Rick Hall
Nick Pietro
Clayton Trujillo
Closing Prayer Henry Williams
Wednesday Evening, June 7
Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Invitation Chad Brown
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	May 28	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	272	243
Sun. A.M. Worship	316	389
Sun. P.M. Worship	180	170
Wed. Bible Study	215	189
Contribution	NA	\$15,187

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

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

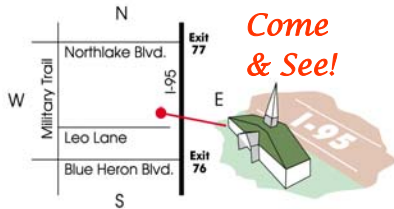
Ushers for week of **June 4:** Head Usher: Kane Campbell; Mike Erickson & Tim Mahlbacher



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.



Come & See!

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: Rick & Peggy Hall

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).



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.