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- Dan Fuller.....478-3755
- Joe Holland626-2809
- Jerry Hopkins434-4188
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- Richard Watson.....694-0444

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

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- David Brown.....972-7608
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- Chuck Clark627-4132
- Victor Colage.....798-6275
- Lance Collier.....793-2718
- Jim Davis248-3310
- Mike Erickson.....310-9916
- Tim Fry373-9121
- Jeff Goodale261-1188
- Rick Hall622-5131
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**Richard
Watson
Ordained
As Elder**



The ordaining of **Richard Watson** as an elder at Palm Beach Lakes continues to give great promise and confidence to the future of this congregation. The appointing of an elder has more than just an immediate impact; the appointing of an elder will potentially flavor and shape a congregation for decades.

Richard came to Palm Beach Lakes from Texarkana, Arkansas in 2001. **Debi**, the daughter of Bill and Inell Ingram, was born and raised here, before going to Harding University where she and Richard met. They were married in 1976 and have three sons (Nathanael, Seth and Matthew) and four grandchildren. Richard served as a deacon at Palm Beach Lakes from 2003 to 2011. This family is very special to PBL.

Richard, we are excited for what you and Debi have meant to this congregation and for the joy and hope that we have for our future. As you enter into your new role as one of the shepherds and overseers of this church, we will keep you (and all of the elders) in our prayers, that you will have a heart of a shepherd, a devotion to the truth, an eye for souls and an example worthy of following. We thank God for your willingness to serve!



By Dan Jenkins

An Everchanging, Unchanging Eldership

In the thirty five years I have been part of Palm Beach Lakes, I have served under at least sixteen different elders. I am so thankful for the relationship I have had with each of them. Their influence on me (and on the church) has changed my life. It is remarkable that the direction in which these elders have lead us has been unchanging.

When I first visited Palm Beach Lakes, it was to introduce how to use the *Engraving Heavenly Truths* curriculum Bible class material that became part of the work at this church. It was a brief visit, but I was so impressed by many things on that visit.

Just a few years later, I met with the elders of this church to discuss moving from Birmingham, Alabama to be part of the work here. I will never forget that time when the elders showed me a list of the visitors from the previous Sunday, and I heard their hearts long for help in reaching the lost. "Dan, we want you to come and help us become more evangelistic. We will do whatever we can to help you help us to become a church focused on saving the lost." How could anyone not be impressed by these words!

The direction this eldership expressed to me in those words has not changed. Over the years there have been many elderships, as some who were appointed moved away, re-

signed for personal reasons and some who died, but the spiritual impact has remained the same.

Last Sunday, we were part of appointing Richard Watson as an elder of this church. I was so moved by all that happened at that service. The emphasis on the ordination of Richard was spiritual, and this was especially seen in the response Richard gave as he accepted his role in becoming part of the eldership. When Richard went to Joshua chapter nine and discussed the blunder Israel made in failing to consult God, his application and promise to this church touched the hearts of all present. "I promise you that I will pray to God about every decision I make and ask that you join me in those prayers."

The appointment or resignation of an elder always changes the church in several ways. I am so thankful that this eldership, with different men over the years, has never lost sight of the lost world. Jesus was focused on the salvation of the lost, and we have been blessed that the shepherds of this congregation model the heart of this Chief Shepherd.

Richard, thank you for your willingness to serve. With Debi standing so faithfully beside you, we are all optimistic about the future. God help us to follow our shepherds as they lead us in getting the story of the cross to a lost world. The future indeed is bright!

I have served this congregation under sixteen different elders, but one thing...



By David Sproule

What Kind of Friend Are You?

You may be someone who only has a few friends. Maybe you have lots of friends. (Your Facebook friend count doesn't count.) Regardless of the number of people who you consider to be your friends, and regardless even of what kind of friends you have, what kind of friend are you?

Scripture teaches us, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Prov. 18:24). Regarding true friends, the Bible says, "A friend loves at all times" (17:17), and "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (18:24). Regarding the closeness of some friends who feel like brothers, God says, "A brother (i.e., a true, real friend) is born for adversity" (17:17). What kind of friend are you?

Are you the kind of friend who always has to have your way? Think about that. Are you? If you say "no," when was the last time that you yielded to your friend's wishes on something meaningful and were ok with it?

Are you the kind of friend who always gets your feelings hurt if your "friends" don't see things your way? Can you believe that someone who cares for you might have a different perspective on something than you do?

Are you the kind of friend who expects others to do things for you? How often do you anticipate being on the

"receiving" end of good deeds, while you are rarely the one on the "doing" end of good deeds?

Are you the kind of friend who demands that others promptly say "Thank you" for every little thing that you do? Do you practice that yourself, or are others really just expected to do things for you without a sign of gratitude?

OR...Are you the kind of friend who looks out for the needs and wants of your friends? Do you try to anticipate when they might need something and what it might be, and then try to be the one who supplies that need through totally selfless measures?

Are you the kind of friend who understands that everything doesn't revolve around you? In fact, are you the kind of friend who tries to make your friends feel like things revolve around them?

Are you the kind of friend who is polite, courteous, grateful, humble, sacrificial, generous, flexible, dependable and honest? Most importantly, is there any resemblance to the way that you treat and respond to your friends and the way that Jesus would treat and respond to your friends? Is there anything about you as a friend that should be changed to more suitably resemble the kind of friend Jesus would be?

In this self-centered, self-gratifying world in which we live, what kind of friend are you? Including to your spouse?

As a friend, do you bear any resemblance to Jesus?



By Josh Blackmer

Fig Tree Fail

To fail is to not succeed, obviously. Fail videos and memes have been popular with our youth. They highlight the failures of others for comedic purposes. Jesus wasn't laughing at the fig tree fail though. Not long before Jesus went to the cross, He destroyed a fig tree while traveling from Bethany to Jerusalem. This encounter might appear random, but there are some lessons. Jesus saw the fig tree in leaf from a distance and went to see if He could find a fig. There was nothing. It was out of season, but He still cursed it, saying, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again" (Mark 11:13-14).

Jesus and His followers returned to Bethany along the same route, and the tree was "withered from the roots up" (Mark 11:20). At this point, Jesus used the dead tree as a lesson about prayers of faith. This was an opportunity for insight concerning the dimensions and the power of prayer. But, when He first confronted the tree it was a different issue. The issue was a tree failing as a tree.

For Jesus, this was not a simple outburst of frustration. His displeasure toward the tree had a purpose. When He first approached the fig tree, He was displeased when He discovered it was missing a key element, figs. Jesus' disapproval had a deeper level. Like many of His parables, Jesus took this moment to use agriculture to teach a spiritual truth.

Do not fail to be found with fruit.

It won't be funny.

God often established a parallel between our lives and trees. He used David to describe a righteous man as "a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither" (Psa. 1:3). Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits... So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit...Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matt. 7:16-19). If expectations were not met, there was a limit to the time allowed for good fruit. So, when Jesus confronted the tree there was a lesson. Anyone who follows Christ is expected to live a life that produces fruit. That is what defines a fruit tree. It could be said that if the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 6:22-23) is not apparent in the life of someone, then they are not true followers of Jesus.

There is at least one more thing to learn from the day Jesus condemned the tree. "He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs" (Mark 11:13). Jesus wouldn't expect a tree to be doing something it wasn't designed to do unless He meant to teach us something. Christians are a lot like trees in many ways, except in one very important way. They should never be "out of season." We are to be ready "in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2) "for every good deed" (Titus 3:1), "for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect" (Luke 12:40). Do not fail to be found with fruit. It won't be funny.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Do you see what I see?

When the air conditioner in your home goes out in the middle of summer, it is a major catastrophe and demands immediate attention. But, have you ever taken time to consider those who do not have a/c or cannot afford to run it? When the folks in the drive-thru at the fast food restaurant mess up your order (again), it is a horribly frustrating event that can ruin your whole day. But, have you ever taken time to think about those who only wish they had enough money to get something at the drive-thru today?

Perspective. It's a vanishing trait in our society. To perceive what it is like to be another person or to recall that there are other people less fortunate than you can be a difficult undertaking, but it is essential for one who wears the name of Christ. Think about Jesus. The Son of God emptied Himself and became a human (Phil. 2:6-8), so the He might see things from our perspective (Heb. 4:15; 2:17-18). If Jesus would (and could) do that, shouldn't we! For the next month, try to see life through other people's eyes. It will change how you see the world! – DS



What would I be doing at His cross or at His throne?

When you gather together with fellow Christians in order to worship the almighty God, how does that "activity" and "opportunity" affect you? Consider the fact that in worship you are entering into the very presence of God—stepping into His throne room and appearing before Him. Or consider it from another viewpoint—you are standing before the cross of Jesus and watching Him suffer and die for you. As you think about either (or both) of these breathtaking experiences, ask yourself what you would or wouldn't be doing in that setting.

When you stand before the throne of God or before the cross of Jesus, can you envision yourself checking Facebook, writing your to-do list for the week, sipping your favorite coffee, playing a game on your phone, reading a book, wearing immodest apparel, exhibiting a lack of interest in what's happening, sitting at a distance (like in the lobby) and chitchatting with others?

We gather in His presence to honor and extol the Almighty! Let us focus on doing that! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	having shoulder surgery on August 27
Mike Archer	scheduled for a back procedure next month
Adrienne Banks	Bethesda East (room 2244), having tests and procedures
Cora Lee Dennis	now home from the hospital
Samantha Eutsey	having dental surgery on August 22
Lynne Jorgensen	having hip replacement surgery on August 22
Les McQuinn	Gardens Medical Ctr., medicine imbalance, observation
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
Cathy Seay	out of the hospital, staying with Sadie

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Debra Dagostino	David Lord's sister, cancerous tumor on her kidney
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, hospitalized, lesion on her brain
Bob Hanna	Sandi Hanna's husband, not healing well after leg surgery
Bill Mills	Tasha Ellis' father, in the hospital, slowly improving
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
Jane Woodruff	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, stroke, now in rehab at St. Mary's

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 20

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Nate & Cindy Nelson** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon and Target. *It's a boy!*

Monday, August 21

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, August 22

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Eli Dye & Kristen Fuller** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Target, Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Sunday, September 3

- ♦ **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 services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ♦ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Thursday, September 7

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

Friday, September 8

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim & Jo Ann Rogers.

Friday-Sunday, September 8-10

- ♦ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** Cost is \$90. Visit www.cfbiblecamp.org for more details or to register.

Saturday, September 9

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens.**

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

Friday, September 8

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Taylor & Natalie Reeves.

Monday, September 11

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Hangout.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, October 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 6

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, August 27

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

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 23

- ♦ **Jr. High Movie Night.** Location TBD. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, September 24

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

Friday, September 29-Sunday, October 1

- ♦ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** See Josh Blackmer for details.

September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 b Johnny Davis b Nahum Villard
3 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit ☆ "Fortifying Your Faith" Class a Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts	4 a Gary & Doris Friedly b Nate Nelson b Marty Williams	5 a Chuck & Trish Clark	6 a Brett & Hayden Lau b Derrick Banks b Amanda Fetting	7 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b Ariana Aristy b Bill Ingram, Jr. b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner	8 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting ☆ Young Adult Devo b Verdell March b Katie Sproule	9 ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens b Jennifer Carver
						Scrap the Weekend at CFBC (8 th -10 th)
10 ☆ Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers b Debi Watson	11 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss	12 b Michell Castonguay b Darin Summerlot	13	14 b Josh Blackmer	15 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout	16 a Justilien & Adelene Honore b Peggy Hall
17 ☆ "Fortifying Your Faith" Class b Mike Ellis b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes	18 b Marcia Kelley	19 b Justilien Honore	20 b Sue Maisano	21	22 b Luann McLeod	23 ☆ Jr. High Movie Night
24 ☆ Wedding Show-er for Jimmie & Adrienne Banks ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo a Johnny & Betty Davis	25 a David & Marie Thorpe b Dan Fuller	26 b Betty Davis b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers	27	28	29 b Angelica Fernandez b Paul Hensel	30 ☆ Young Adult Hangout
						RUSH Weekend at FHU (29 th -1 st)

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

SUNDAY Morning Adult Classes

- "The Parables of Jesus"**
Richard Watson (Auditorium)
- "Paul's Handwritten Salutations"**
David Sproule (Adult 1)
- "Moses: Prince, Pastor & Prophet"**
Josh Blackmer (Adult 3)



Sunday
August 13

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Mrs. Alice Bassal, Joshua & Elie, Delray Beach; Jim & Cindy Beard; Andrew Erickson; Ms. Edna Francois; Richard Gathright; Ms. Dannette Greaves; Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Allison Kelly; Mrs. Janet MacDonald; James Mayo; and Brandon L.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Kenva Barr, Greenwood, IN; Ms. Dee Anna Campion, Gainesville, FL; Mrs. Hattie Davis, Sumter, SC; Jon & Cheri Erickson, Exeter, NH; Tony Little, Miami, FL; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Connor Walters, Ethridge, TN.



Max Fonrose was baptized on Friday, August 11.
Cindy Beard was baptized on Tuesday, August 15.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

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| <u>Sunday (August 20th)</u>
Josiah Blackmer | <u>Wednesday (August 23rd)</u>
Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)
Chuck & Mary Reeves (Ann.)
Skye Brown
Vita Chery
Inell Ingram |
| <u>Monday (August 21st)</u>
Josie Dawson
Bettye King | <u>Thursday (August 24th)</u>
Turkessa Fernander
Sandi Hanna |
| <u>Tuesday (August 22nd)</u>
Nicole Freseman | |

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, August 20

- Lead Singing Gary Friedly
- Opening Prayer Deltom Lequernaqu 
- Scripture Reading..... Joe Maloney
- Presiding at Table Jerry Pittman
- Serve at Table:
- Henry Bass Rick Price
- Mike Damron Micah Trujillo
- Gorman Ericksen Shaun Tyson
- Brett Lau Lawrence Williams
- Alternates
- Brent Leslie Errol Gower-Winter
- Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Sunday Evening, August 20

- Lead Singing Dan McLeod
- Opening Prayer Cam Crotts
- Scripture Reading..... Jimmie Banks
- Presiding at Table..... Rick Hall
- Tim Mahlbacher
- Darin Summerlot
- Simon Tyson
- Closing Prayer Kirk Crews
- Wednesday Evening, August 23**
- Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
- Invitation..... Micah Trujillo
- Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 13	July Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	221	201
Sun. A.M. Worship	351	324
Sun. P.M. Worship	207	155
Wed. Bible Study	180	175
Contribution	\$14,448	\$12,861
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -10,162		

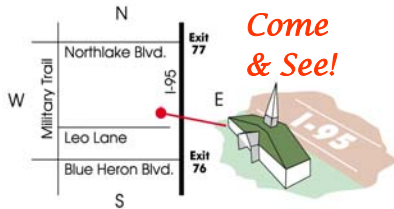
Ushers for week of **Aug. 20** Head Usher: Tim Cox; Jeff Leslie & Nahum Villard



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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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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

September 3

PBL Family Photos Updated

September 10

Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers

October 8

Robert Martin Mission Report

October 13-15

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

October 28

PBL Work Day

October 29

Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off

November 9-12

22nd Annual South Florida Lectureship