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*Phil Porter	575-4782	
Richard Watson	694-0444	
*Chairman for the Month of August		

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Dan Jenkins744-45	59
David Sproule301-22	230
Josh Blackmer	118

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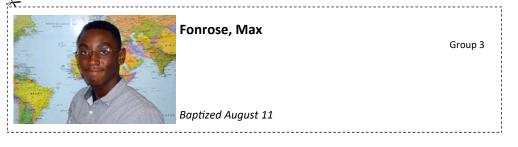
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Chuck Clark627-4132
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Lance Collier793-2718
Jim Davis248-3310
Mike Erickson310-9916
Tim Fry
Jeff Goodale
Rick Hall622-5131
Bob Higbee303-386-6405
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Jeff Leslie744-3444
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Welcome New Members



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes THRU OCTOBER 1

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





Help Us to Run Like Mary

The world of Mary and Martha had been turned upside down. Lazarus, their only brother, was sick, and they sent a message to Jesus. We are not sure exactly where Jesus was in Galilee, but he could have been more than 70 miles from these two godly women. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead

for four days. Martha heard that the Lord was approaching their home, and she went out to meet Him. "Lord, if You had been here my brother would not have died." Can you sense the emotions in her words? Her sister said these same words to Jesus when she went to meet the Lord. Martha was the one who told Mary that the Lord was there. Her words, "The Teacher (the KJV has the word "Master") has come and is calling for you" (John 11:28). Consider this sentence and how it applies to each of us.

"The Master..." What a title to describe the Lord. He who had mastered the storms in Galilee and had mastered temptation of Satan was now there with them. They knew of His power over sickness, for He had shown it repeatedly. What they failed to see was that He could also master death. He is truly the King of all kings and the Lord above all lords and the conqueror of death, the grave and Hades.

"The Master has come..." The coming of the Supreme

Master and Teacher had been prophesied by the Old Testament prophets, and He now stood outside the home of these two sisters. It was not a fond dream that some might have had that He would come—they were there and heard Him. They saw the impact of His words, "Lazarus, come forth." How blessed they were, and even more, how blessed we are that God has fulfilled His promises about the coming of the Master.

"The Master has come and is calling..." We sing so many songs that speak of His calling. "Hear the sweet voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto Me, I am the way.'" We have called on Him because we heard His call saying, "Come unto Me all you who labor" (Matt. 11:28). Mary heard that Jesus wanted her to come, everyone except and she ran from the house to meet Him.

> "The Master has come and is calling for **you.**" Think of how tragic it would be if the Lord was selective in choosing those He wants to come to Him. Just suppose He had invited every person to come, except you. Think of what you would have lost. However, He longs for all men to come. He died for all, and most importantly He died for you! How have you responded to His call?

> Mary had the right to ignore the message from her sister, but think of the great blessings she would have missed. Of even greater importance, think of what you lose when you fail to respond to His call. God, help us to run like Mary!



Longing for Heaven—What It Takes?

The fifth chapter of Second Corinthians begins with a wonderful depiction of immortality and the confident assurance that faithful Christians have of eternal salvation. The early verses focus on the longing (described as even a "groan") that our spirits By David Sproule have for the "house not made with hands,

eternal in the heavens" (5:1-4). While we cannot see it now, that does not matter. The last verse of chapter four speaks of what our faith can see—"...while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (4:18). Thus, while we live on this earth, we "prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord" (5:8).

Because of this longing to be in heaven with our Savior and because of the confidence that He gives us, there are three things on which we must focus as we look toward that eternal home. First, we must "make it our aim to be well pleasing to Him" (5:9). We must remember where we are now (i.e., living on this earth) and that our purpose while "present" here is to serve the Lord and please the Lord. Like Jesus, we must make it our aim to "always do those things that please Him" (John 8:29). Our groaning for heaven will only be realized if we spend our life now pleasing Him.

Second, we must focus on the judgment (5:10). Verse 10 explains why we must seek to be "well pleasing to Him." "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." Judgment is a "must." Judgment is for "all." Judgment will be personal for "each one." Judgment will require giving an account for "the things done in the body." Our groaning for heaven

will only be realized if we are prepared for judgment.

Third, we must focus on preparing others for heaven (5:11). Our longing for heaven should not be purely selfish, seeking only to secure ourselves a home there. Paul draws a conclusion in verse 11, "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord" (i.e., since we possess a reverential fear for the justice of God that will be manifest when all men stand before

Him on that final day), "we persuade men." Because we know about heaven and about judgment, we must persuade men to know and be ready themselves! Because we long to be in heaven and to please the Lord, we must persuade men to long to go there and to please Him, as well! Our groaning for heaven will only be realized if we prepare others for that day.

Our God is the one "who has prepared us for this very thing" (5:5). Are you ready for heaven? Are you ready for judgment? Are you persuading others to be ready with you?

How tragic it would be if the Lord had invited you!

"Do not look at

the things which

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are not seen!"



So, There Was This Guy...

He was a Jew, an Alexandrian by birth. He was eloquent and mighty in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord and was teaching it accurately, but he didn't have a firm grasp on the concept of baptism. His name was Apollos, and when Priscilla and Aquila heard him,

they took him aside and explained the way of God more completely to him (Acts 18:24-28).

In our efforts to be more evangelistic, we need not forget those contacts that would be most open to God's word—those that already believe in Him. When we speak with our friends and co-workers, it is usually easy to spot those that already believe. You might see them avoiding the same things you avoid, asking for Sundays off or see

a sticker from "their church" on their car. These would be the people that Paul would've presumably spoken to first.

His practice was to go to the synagogues first and then to the Gentile population of the city and anyone who would listen (Acts 17:17). The synagogues were the center of Jewish communities. On several occasions, Paul would show up at a synagogue, and they would ask him to speak. Doing this, he was able to speak with those who were more likely to believe and understand the narrative of Jesus. He would stand before many pagans and teach them also, but his first efforts in a new place were to work with the people that should "get it" first. That didn't always work out. There were people who regretted having asked Paul to speak. They would have to withdraw from the synagogue and teach in other places (Acts 19:19). Not everyone who believes in God will believe in His Son. Not everyone who believes in His Son will believe in the one Bride of His Son.

> When we see Paul with the Jews, he opened the Scriptures to them. That is where we should start. Not in a confrontational way but in a way that says we are both seeking truth. Here is a possible dialogue you can have with a religious friend. You: "Hey, [friend's name here], I just heard a great lesson this week that has really convicted me to study more." Friend: "That's great." You: "It would be helpful for me to

have someone to read with. Would you be interested in getting together and studying the Bible from time to time?" Friend: "Yeah, that would be great. I need to do that more also." I have never met a believer that thinks they read the Bible enough. Use that to open the Bible with them and allow God's word to convict them of the changes they need to make. Search honestly for truth with them, and you will be amazed at what God's word can do. You are planting the seed so that one day someone will ask your friend how they came to the church, and they will say, "So there was this guy/girl..."

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Eclipse the Son?

During a total solar eclipse, the moon "gets in the way" of the sun, so that an object that is 400 times larger than the moon cannot be seen. In some places, people will experience 100% coverage of the sun. In other places, there will be partial coverage.

For too many Christians, we are like the moon in this scenario. Too often we "get in the way" of the Son, so that people cannot see Him. For some people, we hide the Son 100%, and for others, they might catch a partial glimpse of Him every once in a while.

Christians are to be that "light" that is shining in the world that draws attention to the Light Himself (Matt. 5:16; John 8:12). Christians are to be "an epistle" that goes forth into the world that leads others to the Word Himself (2 Cor. 3:2-3; 1 John 1:1-3). Are you blocking others from being able to see Christ—whether 100% or even partially? Or, are you the glasses that make seeing Him so clear and life-changing? He should eclipse you, not vice versa! -DS

Now they're useless

So, do you have a pair of eclipse glasses? What are you going to do with those now? They were good for watching the eclipse, but what now? They are pretty much useless to you now!

What else do you have in your life that is no longer of any val-

ue to you? Are you carrying around anything that you should have let go years ago? Peter tells us how "the precious blood of Christ" has "redeemed" us from the "aimless conduct" that used to characterize our lives (1 Pet. 1:18-19). Think about that. The Bible describes my pre-Christian life as "aimless" or "futile" (NASB). It

was useless, pointless and without any value—kind of like your eclipse glasses in the post-eclipse world.

What are you still carrying around from your pre-Christian life that you need to throw away? Are there some thoughts, some attitudes, some words, some associates, some behaviors, some habits that need to hit the bottom of the garbage can (along with your eclipse glasses)? -DS



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Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	recovering from shoulder surgery	
Mike Archer	scheduled for a back procedure next month	
Adrienne Banks	Bethesda East (room 2244), awaiting a procedure in PA	
Samantha Eutsey	recovering from dental surgery, in a lot of pain	
Lynne Jorgensen	Jupiter Medical Ctr (room 283), hip replacement surgery	
Les McQuinn	Hearthland Healthcare for rehab (no visitors)	
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)	
Charles Norton	recovering from a procedure	
Winifred Patterson	recovering from a procedure	
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	good results from medical tests	
Cathy Seay	out of the hospital, improving	
Patricia Ventress	scheduled for oral surgery	

Long-Term Health Issues

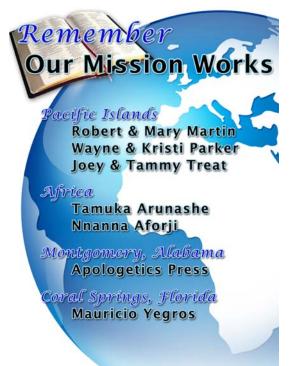
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Shelton Howell
Daniel Johnson
Don & Betty Matter
Deidra Miley
Godfrey Pratt
Leigh Puckett
Ricky Smedley

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
Iris Massey	Inell Ingram's sister, hospital, congestive heart failure
Bill Mills	Tasha Ellis' father, slowly improving
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
Clarence Tipton	Guadalupe Tipton's son, recovering from hernia surgery
Jane Woodruff	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, stroke, now in rehab at St. Mary's



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

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.

Monday, August 28

• Monday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29

• Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

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 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is "Here Comes the Bride." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 10

• Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers.

9:00 a.m.	"The Family"
10:00 a.m.	"The Church"
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	"Heaven"

Sunday, September 17

• **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

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. Bring a soup, sandwich, salad, drinks or a dessert. See Rachel Fuller for more 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.

Monday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 30

• Young Adult Hangout. See Ivan Villard for details.



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.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - September, 2017

September 3

3 September 10

10 September 17

September 24

Morning V	Norship Serv	ice				
Song Lead	der	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening P	rayer	Chris Thompson	Paul Metzkes	Dirk Summerlot	L.H. Richardson	
Scripture F	Reading	Johnny Davis	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Tim Cox	Jerry Pittman	
Presiding a	at Table	Glen Dawson	Jim Davis	Joe Maloney	Richard Lerro	
Serving at	Table:	Chuck Clark	Jordan Beasley	Novel Brown	Jimmie Banks	
		Bob Higbee	Lance Collier	Harrison Crotts	Kirk Crews	
		Bobby Ingraham	Errol Gower-Winter	Andres Fernandez	Mike Damron	
		Tim Mahlbacher	Namdidie Ikon	Ed Gager	Marvin Dozier	
		Jim Rogers	Gary Jenkins	Deltom Lequernaque	Eddie Gooden	
		Scott Studer	Lynn Parker	David Lord	Brent Leslie	
		Nahum Villard	Simon Tyson	Carmen Ruckmen	Vincent Rogers	
		Austin Williams	Lawrence Williams	Marty Williams	Kevin Weeks	
Closing Pr	ayer	Henry Bass	Tom Martens	Eugene Williams	Victor Colage	
Evening V	Vorship Servi					
Song Lead	-	Dan McLeod	David Sproule	John Loftis	Ken Tipton	
Opening P		Darin Summerlot	Richard Watson	Charles Hayes	Morris McDaniel	
Scripture F	-	Jerry Goodale	Dick Kelley	Phil Porter	Kane Campbell	
Presiding	•	Daniel Swayne	David Thorpe	Stephen Beliech	Tim Fry	
Serving at	Table:	Josiah Blackmer	Gorman Erickson	Scott Lewis	Nick Pietro	
Ŭ		Jeremy Maloney	Rick Price	Nate Nelson	Micah Trujillo	
		Mike Trujillo	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Leonard Wiliams	Shaun Tyson	
Closing Pr	ayer	Freddie Gadson	Clayton Trujillo	Mike Ellis	Dan Fuller	
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Alternates	5:	Orlando Lolo	Heath Johnson	Cam Crotts	Jeff Leslie	
		Taylor Reeves	Wallace Jones	Brett Lau	Ken Long	
		Taylor Heeves	Wallace Jones	Diett Lau	Rell Long	
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Morning:	Computer	TBD	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	TBD	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	TBD	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
Ushers - I	Morning & Ev	vening Services (Sund	ay & Wednesday)			
		Sept. 3 & 6	Sept. 10 & 13	Sept. 17 & 20	Sept. 24 & 27	
Head Ush	er	Rick Hall —	1		•	
		David Brown	Tim Fry	Doug Carrick	Glen Dawson	
		Bill Ingram, Jr.	Eddie Gooden	Freddie Gadson	Daniel Swayne	

• 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 (August 27th) Paul & Kim Hensel (Ann.) Billy Chancey Daniel Lord Nelson Watts Whitney Williams

Monday (August 28th) Doris Friedly

<u>Tuesday (August 29th)</u> Jordan Beasley Wednesday (August 30th) Mary Brown Simon Tyson

<u>Thursday (August 31st)</u> Dan & Luann McLeod (Ann.) Nick & Sabrina Pietro (Ann.) Cherylann Wineinger

<u>Saturday (September 2nd)</u> Johnny Davis Nahum Villard



Sunday August 20

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Jim Beard; Mr. Jean Charles; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Ms. Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Ellie; Ms. Pat Patterson; Mrs. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Chris Smith; and Morris Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy & Louise Battle, Albany, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Sherene, George, Nyle, Nevaeh & Nessiah Pitter, Freeport, Bahamas.

Thank You &

To my brothers and sisters at Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you so much for the many ways you have loved and comforted us in these last few very difficult days. We have been so encouraged by the outpouring of support from our church family. Your cards, messages and hugs have been amazingly comforting, and we are humbled by your care. The flowers and donations that have been sent to comfort and help my family have been so appreciated.

> We love you, Traci Sproule * * * * * * *

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, flowers, love and support from the PBL family for the passing of my husband, **Larry**.

In Christian love, Mrs. Judy Beard and family

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, August 27

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Lead Singing	Jerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer	Tim Fry
Scripture Reading	Richard Watson
Presiding at Table	Novel Brown
Serve at Table:	
Jordan Beasley	Nate Nelson
Victor Colage	Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Josue Charles	L.H. Richardson
Edward Gager	Marty Williams
Alternates	
Dan Fuller	John Loftis
Closing Prayer	Dick Kelley
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Sunday Evening, August 27

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Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerHarrison Crotts
Scripture Reading Richard Lerro
Presiding at TableDan McLeod
Robert Lupo
Nick Pietro
Carman Ruckman
Closing Prayer Mike Archer
Wednesday Evening, August 30
Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
InvitationPhil Porter
Family PrayerIvan Villard
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Our Record

Attendance	<u>Aug. 20</u>	July Avg.	
Sun. Bible Study	209	201	
Sun. A.M. Worship	325	324	
Sun. P.M. Worship	o 170	155	
Wed. Bible Study	196	175	
Contribution \$	12,658	\$12,861	
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065			
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -12,569			

Ushers for week of Aug. 27 Head Usher: Tim Cox; Morris McDaniel & Kevin Weeks



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