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**HURRICANE IRMA**

**Coming for a Visit  
Sunday, September 10**

**No Worship Services  
Keep Everyone in Your Prayers!**



By Dan Jenkins

## Among So Many

Our Lord had sent out the twelve on the limited commission of going to the Jews to tell them about the coming Kingdom. They had been given power to heal the sick and to cast out demons (Luke 9:1). When they returned to Him, they told Jesus of all that they had done. He took them away from the multitude to a deserted place on the east shores of the Sea of Galilee. They did not know the lesson He was about to teach them.

The multitudes followed Jesus and the apostles, and Jesus spent hours teaching them about the Kingdom. As the day ended, the disciples came to Jesus and told Him to send the multitude away that they might find food and lodging. How startled these men must have been when Jesus said, "You give them something to eat" (Luke 9:13). With weak faith, they reminded the Lord that it would take at least 200 days' wages to feed so many. They told Jesus there was a young man who had five barley loaves of bread, two small fish and then added, "But what are they among so many" (John 6:9)?

Think about this for just a minute. They had just returned from days of healing, teaching and casting out demons but were still looking at the world without any faith. Eyes without faith see the world so differently from those with faith.

What are the loaves and fish compared to their needs? The real truth is that a child's lunch *and the Lord* are no problem at all when He is there.

Is it possible that we react to situations in our lives without realizing that the "insurmountable" problems we are facing are meaningless when the Lord is with us? The storms of life are so immense when we look at them, but faith allows us to look at these storms and understand that the Lord is far greater than all storms.

**Do not look at every problem through the eyes of those who have little faith**

The Lord has always dealt with His people and purposely used "powerless" individuals to bring glory to Himself. Had God chosen mass armies to deal with the pagan armies all the glory would be given to men, and He would be left out. The land which flowed with milk and honey and giants living in cities with walls which reached heaven could so easily be conquered by "grasshoppers" with the Lord among them (Num. 13). Remember also the Lord's use of Gideon's army of 300 and the destruction of the Midianites.

So, as you face the storms of life, look at it through eyes so different from those of men without God. They say, "What are these (loaves and fish) among so many?" Eyes of faith, look not at the loaves and fish, but see them in the hands of Jesus with the hungry multitudes and see the twelve baskets filled with leftovers! "What is the Lord, among so many?"



By David Sproule

## "But, he's such a good man!"

If someone is a deeply sincere, devoted, religious person, who believes in the true God, worships God and prays to God, wouldn't you think that such a person would be in a better-than-average relationship with God and pleasing in His sight? Such human reasoning can be dangerous and leave one with a false sense of security, an unscriptural conclusion and a lost condition of soul. How can that be?

The account of Cornelius in Acts 10 is highly instructive and must be studied to understand God's view of what makes a person right in His eyes. Cornelius was one of the most religious people in all of the Bible. The real question is—was he saved or lost? Notice several characteristics about this man.

The Bible says he was "devout" (v. 2). He was a deeply religious and reverent man. Was he saved?

The Bible says he "feared God" (v. 2, 22). He turned from his pagan roots to venerate the true God. Was he saved?

The Bible says he "gave alms generously" (v. 2). He was a generous man toward God and man. Was he saved?

The Bible says he "prayed to God always" (v. 2, 30). He trusted in the one, true God. Was he saved?

The Bible says he led "all his household" to fear God

(v. 2). He was a faithful and strong family man. Was he saved?

The Bible says he was "a just man" (v. 22). He was "righteous" (NASB) and "upright" (ESV). Was he saved?

The Bible says he had "a good reputation (well spoken of) among all the nation of the Jews" (v. 22). Was he saved?

The Bible says he "immediately" followed certain "divine instructions" given to him (v. 22, 33). Was he saved?

The Bible says he "called together his relatives and close friends" to hear the message from Peter (v. 24). He was evangelistic. Was he saved?

The Bible says he "fasted" (v. 30). He was earnestly devoted to serving God. Was he saved?

What a tremendously wonderful man and one of the most devout that is found anywhere in Scripture. But, the Bible clearly teaches that this man was NOT saved! He was, in fact, lost! He was told to send for Peter. Why? He "will tell you words by which you and all your household **will be saved**" (11:14). Cornelius was not saved! Peter knew it! Cornelius knew it! And, God knew it!

Only when Cornelius heard the truth and obeyed the truth, including being baptized for the forgiveness of his sins (10:48; 2:38), was he saved. And not before! Human reasoning might lead us to believe he was already saved, and we would be wrong. We must use God's standard, not man's!

**Such a person would be in a better-than-average relationship with God**





By Josh Blackmer

## What Line Are You Going to Believe?

One line can make all the difference in the world. Many have followed the line of a storm. So much of the possible destruction and chaos is determined by that line and how you look at it. Does it really mean that? Are they really serious? These are questions we ask when determining what will be our accepted reality, whether we like it or not. One other line that has garnered a lot of opinion is, “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:15). Here are some of the popular opinions.

**“He who has believed and has been baptized, shall NOT be saved.”** This view is held by at least two groups. First, by those who do not believe in God or the Bible, and therefore do not believe there is any need of saving (Psa. 14:1). Also, those who believe in a god but not in the God of the Bible or His Son (Rom. 1:23). This is an obvious contradiction to the Bible. The Bible clearly teaches that there is a God, and salvation is found through His Son (1 Tim. 2:3-6).

**“He who has NOT believed and has NOT been baptized, shall be saved.”** This belief is held by those who teach that God will save everyone eventually in some way. This view contradicts Jesus when He said that “few” would find salvation (Matt. 7:13-14). It also contradicts the message of Paul when

he mentioned those who would face the wrath of God (Eph. 5:5-6).

**“He who has NOT believed and has been baptized, shall be saved.”** This view is held by anyone who does not think that faith is necessary for salvation. For example, in the case of baptism of infants or for the dead. Faith is an important part of baptism (Acts 8:35-37) and salvation (Rom. 10:9-10). Without it, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6).

**“He who has believed and has NOT been baptized, shall be saved.”** This view is commonly referred to as faith only. It contends that one is saved before baptism, that baptism is not essential to salvation. The Bible teaches otherwise. Jesus stated that faith alone is not sufficient (Matt. 7:21). The apostles also taught the essential nature of baptism (Rom. 6:17-18; Heb. 5:9; 1 Pet 3:21). James plainly states that faith without works is a dead faith (Jas. 2:17, 26).

What if we take Jesus’ words at face value? “He who has believed and has been baptized, shall be saved.” There is no room for error with this line. It harmonizes with Jesus and the rest of the New Testament. One must “believe” (Acts 8:36-37) and one must be “baptized” to enjoy the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Only those who come to Jesus in faith and act in harmony with His teachings can have the assurance of salvation. The words of Jesus and the Bible are clear.

**There is no room for error with this line.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Tracing your *hupogrammon*

One of my favorite Greek words is found in 1 Peter 2:21. In fact, this is the only time the word is found in the Greek New Testament. The English text says, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an **example**, that you should follow His steps.” The word “example” in this verse (for what Jesus left us) is from the Greek word *hupogrammon*.

This compound word (from its verb form) literally means “write” (*grapho*) “under” (*hupo*). It involves a writing-copy that one was given to imitate. The word was often used of “the copy-head at the top of a child’s exercise book for the child to imitate, including all the letters of the alphabet” (*Robertson’s Word Pictures*).

Do you remember those letters that you used to trace, in order to learn how to write your letters? The **example** was at the top of the page, and you wrote yours right underneath. Jesus is the **example** for us at the top of our page. Look at Him. Imitate Him. Trace Him. – DS



### Two different reactions

As a major hurricane is forecast to strike, there are often two very different reactions. For some, it seems that panic sets in. Their own personal Terror Level reaches DEFCON 1 and everybody else had better watch out. For others (on the other end of the spectrum), they are rather nonchalant about the whole thing. If it comes, that’s fine. If it doesn’t come, that’s fine.

They’ll get prepared and not allow the hype to distract them.

It’s not an exact parallel, but one day there will be two very different reactions to another coming. This time it will be the Son of God coming, not a windstorm! For some, it will induce panic—they’re not ready! For others, it will trigger an excited relief—they’ve been waiting!

One major difference: with a hurricane, there is plenty of notice; but with the return of Jesus, there is no notice! Are you ready? Not for a hurricane, but for the glorious return of our blessed Redeemer and Friend!? What a day of rejoicing that will be! (At least for some!) – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	scheduled for a back procedure in NY on September 18
<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	recovering from bypass surgery in Gainesville
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	recovering at home from hip replacement surgery
<b>Les McQuinn</b>	Heartland Healthcare for rehab (no visitors)
<b>Jeremy Maloney</b>	recovering from surgery to repair broken femur
<b>Silas Moses</b>	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
<b>Charles Norton</b>	recovering at home from heart bypass surg., very weak
<b>Winifred Patterson</b>	awaiting results from procedure
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	possible back surgery to alleviate pain
<b>Sharon Reitz</b>	scheduled for outpatient surgery on September 13
<b>Cathy Seay</b>	recovering at home, continues to improve
<b>Kyle Sink</b>	recovering at home from shoulder surgery
<b>Robert Swayne</b>	fell and injured his hip, undergoing rehab
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	recovering from oral surgery

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	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

<b>Debra Dagostino</b>	David Lord's sister, cancerous tumor on her kidney
<b>Shirley Franklin</b>	Kay Richardson's sister, hospitalized, lesion on her brain
<b>Bob Hanna</b>	Sandi Hanna's husband, not healing well after leg surgery
<b>Iris Massey</b>	Inell Ingram's sister, hospital, congestive heart failure
<b>Bill Mills</b>	Tasha Ellis' father, hospitalized with pneumonia
<b>Pat Pittman</b>	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
<b>Clarence Tipton</b>	Guadalupe Tipton's son, recovering from hernia surgery
<b>Jane Woodruff</b>	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer
<b>Twyla Wright</b>	Trina Wright's mother, still in rehab at St. Mary's, stroke

*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, September 10

- ♦ **ALL Worship Services Cancelled.**

## Monday, September 11

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, September 12

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

## Sunday, September 17

- ♦ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Thursday, September 21

- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

## Saturday, September 23

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

## Sunday, September 24

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Jimmie & Adrienne Banks** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Macy’s and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## Sunday, October 1

- ♦ **Mount Dora Coin Can Return Deadline.** Please return filled cans to the church office.
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

## Saturday, October 7

- ♦ **PBL Ladies’ Event** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the home of Sherrie Tibbetts. Connie Tipton will be presenting a lesson on “Fragrant Flowers in God’s Garden.” Please RSVP to Sherrie or Connie.

## Sunday, October 8

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **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**

## 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.

## 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. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, October 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## 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** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring \$5 to help with dinner costs. 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.

## Friday, October 6

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

# Equipping & Edifying Families



## 7 Characteristics of Successful Parents

Want to learn how to be successful in life? Well, success in life includes your role as a parent. Here are 7 characteristics of successful parents.

### 1. Successful parents don't expect perfection either from themselves or their children.

Parenting is an art, not a science. Successful parents understand that, like themselves, their children aren't perfect either. This frees them to love their children unreservedly.

### 2. Successful parents don't fear occasional failures.

They understand that mistakes are a normal, even healthy, part of parenting. They make the best decisions they can and when they're wrong, they learn from their mistakes, and they try to do better the next time.

### 3. Successful parents don't expect to have smooth sailing.

Children have their own opinions, personalities, and preferences. Inevitably, they cause us to say "Where did THAT come from?" or "What WERE you thinking?" Our responsibility to provide them with limits and guidance will sometimes clash with their growing desire for independence. Successful parents aren't surprised by them; they expect them. But successful parents understand that their responsibility to their children is not to always please them or make them happy – it's to make the hard decisions that will be for their best in the long run.

### 4. Successful parents don't go it alone.

Successful parenting means trusting yourself, but not being a lone ranger. No one has the experience or answers to every parenting challenge. But each of us has some of the answers and, together, we've got them all. So successful parents aren't reluctant to seek out the wisdom of others. They know that, at the end of the day, the decision is theirs, but before they get there, there is plenty of wisdom along the way waiting to help them.

### 5. Successful parents try harder.

They face the same pressures we all do – demanding jobs, spouses, and children who need them. But they live by this rule: "You get back what you put in." They have a clear sense of priority for their family and are willing to put in the time to achieve it. They give more than the "average parent" so their children will be more than just "average children." These parents work at nurturing and developing themselves to be the best parents they can be.

### 6. Successful parents enjoy being parents.

They enjoy parenting not because it's easy or instantly rewarding, but because of the sheer joy and privilege of cooperating with God in shaping another unique and precious life. Any parent of grown children will tell you "they grow up so quickly." Successful parents remind themselves of that and try to savor every day with their children. They immerse themselves in their children as much as possible and just enjoy them – even the days of dirty diapers, illness, and disappointments. They don't just LOVE their children, they LIKE them, and look forward to spending time with them.

### 7. Successful parents strive to be the person they want their children to become.

There are no formulas for parents. You can't just "program" children like a computer and be guaranteed of the result. But children are great observers and imitators. They watch, listen, and absorb values and habits from the people who have the greatest influence on them – their parents. So successful parents resolve that they will set the best example they can for their children.



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



Sunday  
September 3

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Mr. Jean Charles; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Jennifer King; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mrs. Manoella Mendieta & Emily; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Ellie; Mr. & Mrs. John & Amber Oncay; Ms. Pat Patterson; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; and Mr. Anthony Spinoga.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Ms. Dee Anna Campion, Gainesville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Randy & Jolene Cox, Dallas, TX; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Hope Gilmore, Decatur, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Glaser, Henderson, TN; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Grand Blanc, MI; Jimmy McDowell, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; Joseph, Katie & Cameron Reed, Kingston, MA; and Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Connie Shannon, Bremen, GA.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday (September 10th)  
Debi Watson

Tuesday (September 12th) cont.  
Darin Summerlot

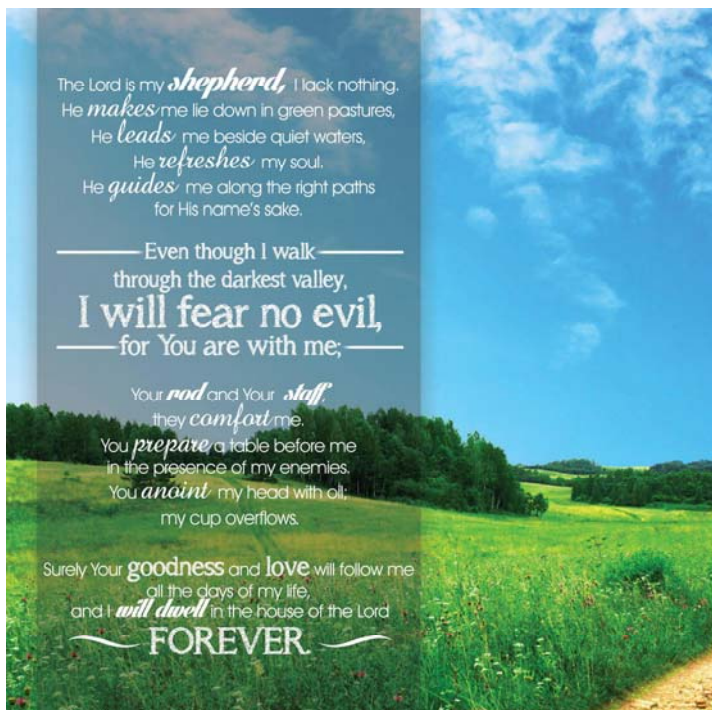
Monday (September 11th)  
Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (Ann.)

Thursday (September 14th)  
Josh Blackmer

Tuesday (September 12th)  
Michelle Castonguay

Saturday (September 16th)  
Justilien & Adeline Honore (Ann.)  
Peggy Hall

**21st Annual South Florida Lectureship  
"Revive Us Again!"  
Nov. 9-12, 2017**



**Those to Serve**

**Sunday Morning, September 10**

No Services This Sunday

**Sunday Evening, September 10**

No Services This Sunday

**Wednesday Evening, September 13**

Lead Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Glen Dawson  
Family Prayer ..... Chuck Clark

**Our Record**

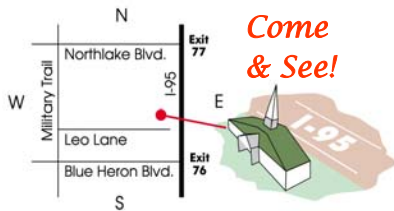
Attendance	Sept. 3	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	230	214
Sun. A.M. Worship	328	352
Sun. P.M. Worship	121	180
Wed. Bible Study	133	187
Contribution	\$12,030	\$13,773
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -16,385		



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**Come & See!**

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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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**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.**

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DISH (channel 239)



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

## 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).