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Welcome New Members



Beard, Jim & Cindy

Group 1

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By Dan Jenkins

Reminders From the Storm

There are those events in our lives which become a catalyst to enhance spiritual truths we have known for years. It is not that we have forgotten the truths, but familiarity may have dimmed our appreciation of them. Let me share with you truths made more vivid as we dealt with the hurricane, Irma.

Irma reminds us that God is omnipotent. He is all powerful. All other forces are not worthy to be compared to His awesomeness. We were “powerless” in every way before His might. We hid in our shuttered houses. When daylight arrived, we left our houses to see the aftermath of His majesty. Perhaps the prophet Nahum said it best. “The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm” (Nah. 1:3).

Irma reminds us that God is omniscient. For days before the arrival of Irma, we saw meteorologists who were completely baffled as they sought to plot the course of the storm. Just thirty-six hours before the storm arrived, we were told to expect it to come directly over West Palm Beach. No mortal knew when Irma would turn northward. The evidence of this was seen in “spaghetti predictions” made by the most outstanding scientists using their computers. They knew almost nothing. God alone is the all-knowing One. Paul described God’s wisdom in relationship to human wisdom. “He

taketh the wise in their own craftiness” (1 Cor. 3:19).

Irma reminds us that God is omnipresent. Our God was present during that Wednesday night prayer meeting before the storm arrived. He was there when we prayed for deliverance in whatever came. When we left, He was with us in our homes as the storm approached. He was there during the storm. He was there after the storm. His name says it all, “I AM.” He is the eternal, unchanging God. He promised, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).

Truths made more vivid to me as we dealt with the hurricane, Irma

Irma reminds us that God is “omnipassionate.” I recognize that there is no such word as I just used, but His compassion and care is unending and immeasurable. He loves us. I will never forget what I saw during a lull between the raging rain bands. I opened the front door and stood in the breezeway. Four small birds flew from one place to another. How could I ever forget that if God takes care of every sparrow, then He would take care of me (Matt. 10:31)? Elizabeth Cheney so beautifully describe His love for us:

Said the robin to the sparrow,
“I should really like to know,
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so.”
Said the sparrow to the robin.
“Friend, I think that it must be,
They have no heavenly Father,
Such as cares for you and me.”



By David Sproule

Don’t Give Up! They Might Open Up Eventually!

Have you ever grown increasingly frustrated with someone who would not respond positively to your efforts to touch their lives with the gospel? You tried and tried and tried, but they rejected and rejected and rejected at every turn. Most likely, every one of us have been there, and every one of us have been tempted to just give up trying. But, we have good news! We know it! The Lord knows it! And, we want them to know it! What should we do when we are fully convinced of the news we have?

In Acts 12, Herod Agrippa I threw Peter into prison, intending to execute him after Passover. This was horrible news, and the church in Jerusalem was intent on believing the worst. An angel of the Lord freed Peter from the prison that night. What glorious news! He was free! He escaped death! The church would be so excited to hear this message! Or, so one would think.

When Peter came to the house where prayer was being constantly offered on his behalf, a girl named Rhoda recognized his voice at the gate but did not open to him. She ran to tell the church that Peter was at the gate, but they did not believe her. They told her that she was out of her mind.

Perhaps Rhoda would just give up. She tried to tell them but they rejected her. They not only rejected her, but

they suggested that she was crazy. (Have you ever had someone suggest such about you in your Christian faith?) Notice two Greek imperfect tense verbs that teach us what we should do in a similar situation—when people reject the good news that we are trying to offer them. The imperfect tense indicates a past action that was continuous, ongoing and non-stop.

First, Rhoda “**kept insisting** that it was so” (12:15). Although they were rejecting her message and insulting her, she did not grow ashamed or deviate from her efforts. She kept on, kept on, kept on sticking to the truth. She knew it was true, and she wanted her friends to know it was true, too!

Second, Peter “**continued knocking**” (12:16). Peter did not walk away. He did not give up. He knew who was inside. He knew the potential that was there. Although the door was still locked, he was still knocking. He knew that if they would eventually accept the message of his escape, they could rejoice, too.

Do you have unbelievers in your life (folks who are friends or family members), who have steadfastly refused to listen to you regarding Jesus, the Bible, salvation, the church? What should you do? Give up? Be like Rhoda—keep insisting that the truth is the truth. Be like Peter—keep knocking. Eventually, the text states, “they opened the door.” There are hearts today that may do the same if we don’t give up!

Although the door was still locked, he was still knocking.



By Josh Blackmer

Some Things Paul Knew That Made a Difference

It has been said, “What you don’t know won’t hurt you.” I would like to suggest that what you do know could keep you from hurt. Sometimes knowing makes all the difference. In the case of Paul, there were some things that he knew that made all the difference in his life.

He knew Jesus. “For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day” (2 Tim. 1:12). He is suffering unjust imprisonment because of his faith and devotion to Christ but without shame. Why? Because He knew Jesus. There was a confident expectation that Christ would guard his soul. He had entrusted it to the Savior.

He knew his mission. “For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:16). Having a mission in place helps create a drive and push forward. How many have said, “I don’t know what I’m doing with my life.” Never Paul. He knew his mission, and it was his focus.

He knew his purpose. “According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be

exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (Phil. 1:20-21). It is one thing to know your mission. It is another to know your purpose. Why am I here? Paul would say, “To glorify Christ, in life or death.” How he lived and died would all be tied together in a way to exalt the One that would save his soul.

He knew his reward. “In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8). It is alright and healthy to look toward the reward. Paul knew what was waiting for him. This knowledge helped him get through and persevere even when all others could not.

He knew the grace of God. “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me” (1 Cor. 15:10). Paul, of all people, needed to understand grace. How would you preach to the very group you once were determined to destroy? It was an understanding of the grace and the nature of God that allowed Paul to lift his head and teach what he once persecuted.

True knowledge can make all the difference in our ability to serve the Christ. Do you know these things?

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The joy of “doing unto others”

What is it that brings you satisfaction? The answers to that question are endless. There are certain things that we “do for ourselves” that satisfy. But, many have found the real treasure. They have discovered the true and pure satisfaction that comes in “doing for others.”

Rather than waiting on someone to call you to see how you’re doing, do you call others first? Rather than waiting for someone to come over to your house to lend you a hand, do you lend others a hand first? Rather than waiting for someone to send you a thoughtful card, do you send a note first? Rather than waiting for someone to bring a meal to your house or ask you to go out to eat, do you take the meal first or ask them out first?

Is there satisfaction when others “do unto you”? Sure there is. But, you will never match the satisfaction that comes when you are the one “doing unto others” first. There is something VERY Jesus-like about that (Matt. 7:12; 20:28; John 13:14-17; Phil. 2:6-8)! – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	scheduled for a back procedure in NY on September 18
Adrienne Banks	recovering from surgery, doing well
Joe Holland	Gardens Medical Center (no visitors), infection
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Les McQuinn	back at his apartment at Brookdale
Jeremy Maloney	recovering from surgery to repair broken femur
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
Charles Norton	JFK Hospital (room 2223), very weak
Connye Plouffe	possible back surgery to alleviate pain
Sharon Reitz	recovering from outpatient procedure
Cathy Seay	recovering at home, continues to improve
Kyle Sink	recovering at home from shoulder surgery
Giselle Smith	Good Samaritan Hospital (room 572), undergoing tests
Robert Swayne	fell and injured his hip, undergoing rehab

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

Zelda Cox	Chuck Clark's mother, under Hospice Care
Debra Dagostino	David Lord's sister, cancerous tumor on her kidney
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, brain lesions gone, improving
Bob Hanna	Sandi Hanna's husband, not healing well after leg surgery
Iris Massey	Inell Ingram's sister, congestive heart failure
Bill Mills	Tasha Ellis' father, hospitalized and unresponsive
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, 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 17

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

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.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 Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon to clean up after Hurricane Irma.
- ♦ **PBL Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome.

Sunday, September 24

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

Sunday, October 1

- ♦ **Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers.** The theme is “A Place to Come Home to.”

9:00 a.m.	“The Family”
10:00 a.m.	“The Church”
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	“Heaven”
- ♦ **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.

Friday-Saturday, October 6-7

- ♦ **Ladies’ Fall Encampment at CFBC.** Cost is \$40/person. Register online at www.cf biblecamp.org.

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

- ♦ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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 Devotion** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brent & Andrea Leslie.

Friday-Sunday, October 13-15

- ♦ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** Cost is \$65 per person. Registration forms are on the Welcome Desk.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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

Sunday, October 8

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ☆ Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers ☆ Mount Dora Coin Can Deadline ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Louise Phillips b Robin Stone	2 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Brett Lau	3 b Chuck Clark b Kathy Nelson	4	5 b Rosa Nash	6 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout	7 ☆ PBL Ladies' Event ☆ Young Adult Devo b Hollie Crotts b Patricia Ventress
						Ladies' Encampment at CFBC (6th-7th)
8 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ Robert Martin Mission Report ☆ Wedding Shower for Jimmie & Adrienne Banks ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Donna Erickson b Bessie Walker b Betty White	9 b Lawrence Williams	10 a Eldra & Grace Judge b Dirk Summerlot	11 b Harrison Carter b Chuck Reeves, Sr. b Scott Studer	12	13 b Fran Campbell b Heath Johnson	14 b Patricia Harrington b Amy Rosado
						Spiritual Enrichment Weekend (13th-15th)
15 b Stahia Banks b Joe Holland b Meagan Metzkes	16 b Adelene Honore b Kevin Weeks	17	18 b Josue Charles	19	20 b Sharon Morrison	21 ☆ Costume Party for 55+ b Janice Maloney b Lynn Parker b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule b Leslie Williams
22 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo a Richard & Judy Lerro a Owen & Deidra Miley b Tim Mahlbacher	23 b Mille Ames b Josephine Bass	24 b Lydia Quinn	25	26 a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey b Ekaette Ikon b Sadie Tennant	27 b Traci Sproule	28 ☆ PBL Work Day ☆ Sr. High Fall Fest ☆ Young Adult Costume Party b Dianne Frye
29 ☆ Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off b Lawrence H. Richardson	30 b Marie Yolette Achille b Kailee Stone	31 b Les McQuinn				

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

News & Notes

There will be a **Congregational Work Day** on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m. until noon to clean up after Hurricane Irma. See Tim Fry for details.

The **Mount Dora Coin Can Deadline** is on Sunday, October 1. Please return filled cans to the church office.

The **Wedding Shower for Jimmie & Adrienne Banks** has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 8. They are registered at Macy's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (September 17th)

Mike Ellis
Robert Lupo
Lisa Metzkes

Tuesday (September 19th)

Justilien Honore

Wednesday (September 20th)

Sue Maisano

Monday (September 18th)

Marcia Kelley

Friday (September 22nd)

Luann McLeod

SPIRITUAL Enrichment Weekend

October 13-15



For members 18 and older.
Sign up on the bulletin board and fill out a registration form from the Welcome Desk.

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, September 17

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Tim Cox
Presiding at TableJoe Maloney
Serve at Table:
Novel Brown D. Lequernaqué
Harrison Crotts David Lord
Andres Fernandez Carmen Ruckman
Ed Gager Marty Williams
Alternates
Cam Crotts Brett Lau
Closing PrayerEugene Williams

Sunday Evening, September 17

Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Opening Prayer Charles Hayes
Scripture Reading..... Phil Porter
Presiding at Table..... Stephen Beliech
Scott Lewis
Nate Nelson
Leonard Williams
Closing PrayerMike Ellis
Wednesday Evening, September 20
Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation..... Kirk Crews
Family PrayerVictor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Sept. 10	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	Irma	214
Sun. A.M. Worship	Irma	352
Sun. P.M. Worship	Irma	180
Wed. Bible Study	Irma	187
Contribution	\$0	\$13,773

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -31,450

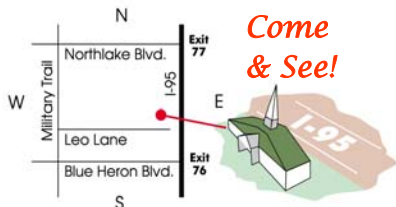
Ushers for week of **Sept. 10**: Head Usher: Rick Hall; Doug Carrick & Freddie Gadson



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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.

Front Cover: **Youth Hosts of Sweetheart Banquet**



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).

Upcoming Events

October 1

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
"Revive Us Again!"**

December 7

Ladies' Soup Supper