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Welcome New Members



Fontaine, Julie

Group 3

Identified October 29

In all things,
give
Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18



By Dan Jenkins

Son, Remember

"And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame'" (Lk. 16:23-24).

It is likely that when you read these words you can recall the details of the entire story. However, these words were far more than a captivating story when they were spoken and heard by that rich man. This is not a parable of an imaginary man who never lived. Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man."

Death brought changes to the rich man. He now knew that gold has no value in hell. He knew that those who make gold the focus of their lives will someday recognize this truth, but it will be too late. The rich man's dwelling, his clothing, all the excesses of living and his riches brought to him had no advantage.

Death brought changes to the beggar Lazarus. He no longer was hungry. He no longer was begging for crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. He no longer had sores, nor dogs to lick them. Instantaneously, it all changed. He was changed from being an unwanted member of earthly society and had become the honored guest of heavenly beings who

escorted him to the other side. Death changed almost everything around these two men and us.

One thing which did not change was the remembrance of one's earthly life before death. In two brief words Abraham brought profound truth to the forefront. The two words were, "Son, remember." The rich man remembered and recognized Lazarus. He recalled the crumbs which fell from his table and were evidently never given to Lazarus. He remembered his five brothers and their ungodliness and begged that something might be done to bring about their salvation.

Now, think of how all this impacts your life. How will you feel when you remember that you never did anything to help the least in the kingdom? How will you feel about your selfishly spending almost all you were prospered on your own pleasures when the church struggled to make its proposed budget? How will you feel when you recall the sermons you heard pleading with you to get involved in His work and to grow spiritually? Wasted money, wasted time and wasted opportunities will be part of the agony in the torment of fire.

It doesn't have to be that way. Think of what great memories the rich man could have had if he had changed his behavior. On the other side you will remember. The real question is whether the memories will bring regret or joy!

The real question is whether the memories will bring eternal regrets or joy!



By David Sproule

"Dear Friend, I Found Something"

Dear Friend, I found something that I want to tell you about. I can hardly contain myself, as I think about sharing this with you. As someone that I care about and for whom I want the very best, I could not let another moment pass without telling you about it! I hope that you will take the time to read this and consider what I'm about to share with you.

I found something that has changed my life. Suppose that we lived in the day before electricity, and then one day I found a magic switch that instantaneously gave electrical power to the entire planet. How cool (and life-altering) would that be? What I actually have found is more life-changing than that, and I want to share it with you.

I found something that is immeasurably valuable and it's free. If I had found a deep gold mine in my back yard, I could hardly resist telling you about it and showing it to you. I didn't find a gold mine, but I found something even more valuable, and I want to share it with you.

I found something that is an absolute sure investment! Imagine that I learned about an investment opportunity that was absolutely risk-free and guaranteed a ten-fold return on every investment. Would you be interested? I would not be able to stop myself from sharing it with you, but I

found something even more certain than that, with an even better guarantee, and I want to share it with you.

I found something that is the proven, documented cure for the worst affliction ever known to man. If I had discovered the cure for cancer, stroke, diabetes or Alzheimer's, I would not be able to wait to tell you about it, but I found something that is an even better cure (proven 100% effective in every case), and I want to share it with you.

I found something that is more special to me than anything else on this earth. Do you know how some people cannot stop talking about their wonderful grandchildren, or the latest accomplishments of their children, or their newest gadget? I found something that is even more special to me than anything else than I could ever dream of, and I want to share it with you.

I found something that is so extraordinarily exciting. If someone paid off my mortgage, I would have to tell you. If my favorite team won the championship, I'd have to talk about it. But what I've found is more exciting than anything like this, and I want to share it with you.

You are important to me! I am eager to lay out for you what I have found, and I hope that you will be just as excited about it as I am. Please contemplate these things as we explore them together.

(continued next week)

More special to me than anything else than I could ever dream of!



By Josh Blackmer

How Well Do I Know God?

Something that has been repeating over and over in my mind lately is this, "Rule without relationship equals rebellion." My mind map goes from there to God, and I begin to question my relationship with God. "If I knew God more, would I rebel less?" My next thought is, "How well do I know God?"

Theologically I can know about God, but do I know Him? I can know all about a movie star, famous athlete or historical person and still not know them. There is a distinction between knowing Him and knowing about Him. You can be at services every time and five o'clock on Sundays. You can be at every activity and still only know about God (Matt. 7:21-23). How do we make the jump from knowledge to relationship?

We need to start by listening to Him—"By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments" (1 John 2:3). We must listen to His Son—"God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2a). We must also listen to those men that were given charge to teach the early church—"We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us" (1 John 4:6a). This is more than just

knowledge. This is hearing and obedience. There were many of the different religious elite in the time of Christ who heard and knew Jesus' message but they did not listen. Those who went out to be baptized by John, listened. Those who followed Christ during His ministry, listened. Those who were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, listened.

We must listen and we must love. "Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love... and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." (1 John 4:7b-8, 16b). We have to learn to love like God. His Son can show us the way (John 14:6-10).

Let's finish with this thought. I recently asked someone at a youth event if she trusted the coordinator of the event, someone she didn't even know (it wasn't me). Her reply surprised me, "I trust him because other people trust him." I didn't see that coming. Then I thought, "How did Noah, Abraham, Moses and David get to know God?" They laid everything on the line for their relationship with God, they held nothing back. Were they perfect? No, but they knew God and trusted Him. They were all in. So I would like you challenge you to get to know God on a deeper level. Trust the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. How well you know God depends entirely on you (Phil. 2:12).

Knowing God is more than knowledge.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Don't be discouraged!

When Israel came to the border of the Promised Land, the ten spies returned with a negative report about the land and "discouraged" the hearts of the people (Deut. 1:28). As a result, the people wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and died off. After almost 40 years, the tribes of Reuben and Gad sought to settle on the east side of the Jordan and not assist with the further conquest of Canaan, and thus "they discouraged the heart" of Israel (Num. 32:9).

Sometimes the negativity and/or inactivity of our fellow brethren can be discouraging. When they don't show up for Bible Class or worship like they should, or they don't really participate in or seem to enjoy Christian fellowship, it can be discouraging. When it feels like you're the only one who's interested in and trying to do the Lord's will, don't get discouraged! Focus on brethren (even if it's a small number) who are trying like you. Then, best of all, "looking unto Jesus," "consider Him...lest you become...discouraged in your souls" (Heb. 12:2-3). When no one else is interested in your efforts be active and involved, HE IS!
- DS



Save your marriage!

Regardless of what shape your marriage is in, it can probably use some work. There are some "simple" things that you need to DO and "simple" things you need to STOP doing.

DO: Talk to (not at) your spouse. Listen (actively) to your spouse. Pray. Read the Bible. Spend time together—while relaxing and on set dates. Be humble. Focus on his/her needs and desires. Say, "I love you," often. Say, "Thank you." Practice agape love (1 Cor. 13).

STOP: Yelling. Fighting. Slamming. Stomping. Blaming. Fussing. Whining. Pouting. Being grumpy. Expecting perfection. Centering everything around you. Putting other things and people ahead of your spouse. Making everything about money. Jumping to conclusions.

Somebody says, "But I am not married, so this has nothing to do with me." If you are a Christian, you are married to Christ (Rom. 7:4; 2 Cor. 11:2). These principles apply to that relationship as well. Go back, read them again, and make application.
- DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	Palms West Hospital (rm 207), slowly regaining strength
Pat Brown	lymphedema in arm and hand
Tom Martens	undergoing therapy at home
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
Godfrey Pratt	discharged from rehab
Angie Seames	neck surgery on Dec. 1
Austin Williams	recovering from ear surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

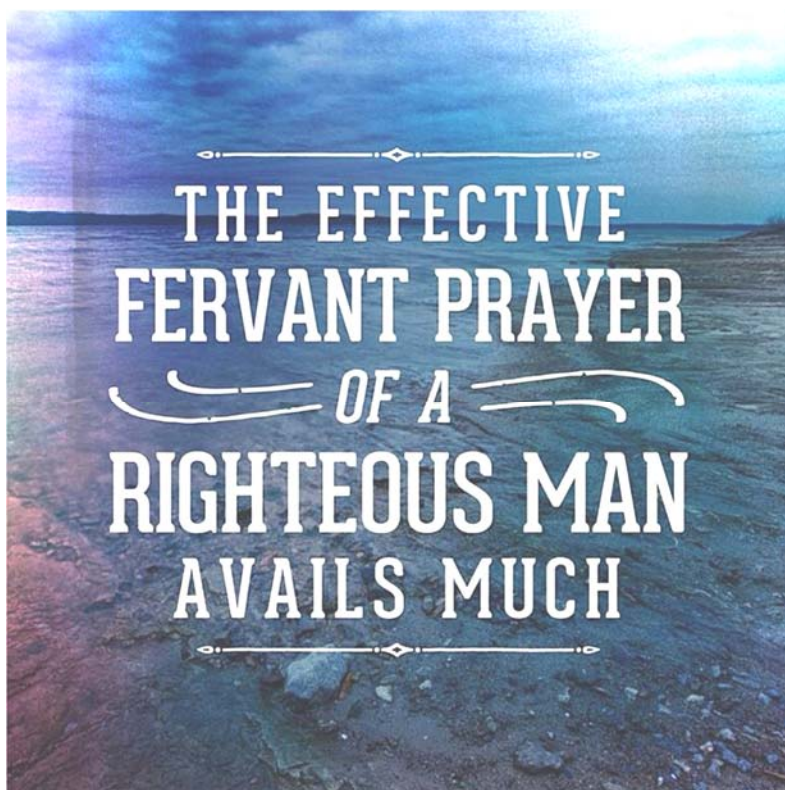
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Elaine Back	Jenny Jordan's mother, undergoing medical tests
Evelyn Ellis	Mike Ellis' mother, La Posada, recovering from surgery
Jennifer King	Rashanna Green's mother, recovering from surgery
Josh Lupo	Robert Lupo's brother, recovering from hospitalization
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, now at home, still very weak

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





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, November 27

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

Tuesday, November 28

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

Friday-Saturday, December 1-2

- ◆ **Blast Weekend for Men** (18 years & older). See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, December 3

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Friday, December 8

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes.

Sunday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 16

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring a \$10 gift for the holiday gift exchange. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, December 17

- ◆ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, December 24

- ◆ **"Evening" Worship** will be at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for children in "Stepping into the Bible."
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** after evening worship.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, December 1

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Friday-Saturday, December 1-2

- ◆ **Blast Weekend for Men** (18 years & older). See Josh Blackmer for details.

Thursday, December 7

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Saturday, December 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier.

Saturday, January 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, November 26

- ◆ **Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Friday, December 1

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, December 9

- ◆ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members** at 11:00 a.m. See Ivan, Amber or Sarah for details.

Sunday, December 10

- ◆ **Sr. High Visitation** following morning worship until 5:00 p.m. to deliver cookies and hang out.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, December 16

- ◆ **Young Families' Holiday Party** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod.

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Men's Worship Service Assignments - December, 2017

December 3 December 10 December 17 December 24 December 31

Morning Worship Service						
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Jerry Hopkins	David Sproule	Gary Friedly	
Opening Prayer	Mike Erickson	Jeff Goodale	Joe Maloney	Richard Lerro	Jerry Hopkins	
Scripture Reading	Marvin Dozier	Marty Williams	Gary Friedly	Bobby Ingraham	Mike Ellis	
Presiding at Table	Kevin Weeks	Deltom Lequernaque	Gary Jenkins	Rick Hall	Chris Thompson	
Serving at Table:	Josiah Blackmer	Andy Anderson	Jordan Beasley	Henry Bass	Glen Dawson	
	David Brown	Greg Bland	Tim Cox	Doug Carrick	Eddie Gooden	
	Bob Higbee	Cam Crotts	Ed Gager	Josue Charles	Bill Ingram, Jr.	
	Wallace Jones	Mike Damron	Brett Lau	Errol Gower-Winter	Heath Johnson	
	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Gorman Ericksen	Ken Long	Namdidie Ikon	Dick Kelley	
	Dirk Summerlot	Morris McDaniel	Nate Nelson	Tim Mahlbacher	Orlando Lolo	
	Tyrone Toson	Jim Rogers	Shaun Tyson	Vincent Rogers	Gary Seames	
	Eugene Williams	Nahum Villard	Lawrence Williams	Mike Trujillo	Austin Williams	
	Closing Prayer	Phil Porter	Taylor Reeves	Johnny Davis	David Holiday	Henry Williams

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	John Loftis	Dan McLeod	Ken Tipton	
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Tim Fry	Josh Blackmer	Dan Fuller	
Scripture Reading	Scott Studer	Carmen Ruckman	Micah Trujillo	Bobbo Lupo	
Presiding at Table	Ted Friesner	Stephen Beliech	Kurt Crews	Jimmie Banks	
Serving at Table:	Harrison Crotts	Chuck Clark	Jim Davis	Dan McLeod	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
	Glen Dawson	Nick Pietro	Charles Hayes	Clayton Trujillo	
	Jeff Leslie	Ken Tipton	Leonard Williams	Simon Tyson	
Closing Prayer	John Loftis	David Thorpe	Darin Summerlot	Paul Metzkes	

Alternates:					
	Lance Collier	Kane Campbell	David Brown	David Lord	Cam Crotts
	L.H. Richardson	Richard Watson	Victor Colage	Eugene Williams	Kevin Weeks

Technical Assignments						
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	TBD	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	John Loftis	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	John Loftis	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Dec. 3 & 6	Dec. 10 & 13	Dec. 17 & 20	Dec. 24 & 27	Dec. 31 & Jan. 3
Head Usher	Freddie Gadson / Novel Brown →				
	Andy Fernandez	Eddie Gooden	Jerry Pittman	Mike Damron	Jordan Beasley
	Heath Johnson	Paul Metzkes	Daniel Swayne	John Loftis	Brett Leslie

- 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)



Directory Changes

Jim & Cindy Beard are moving to Texas. Cindy leaves December 1 and Jim will leave in April.

Paul & Kim Hensel have placed membership at the Jupiter-Tequesta congregation.

Lynn & Cynthia Parker are moving to Philadelphia on December 13.



Sunday
November 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Julianne Battle; Ms. Donna Bleau; Sandford & Valerie Cooper; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Miss Jamie Granino; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Norma Mariano; Miss Janise Paul; Joel, Sandra, Habakkuk & Amoz Perez; Mr. Dennis Russo; Mr. Anthony Spinoga; and Mrs. Mabelle Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Brittany & Brandy Beans, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Cherrye Fletcher, Pantego, NC; Lauren Fuller, Savannah, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Vickie Fry, Emma, Walker & Olivia, Lebanon, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patricia Hall, Maury City, TN; Stacy & Kelly Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Nancy Light, Houston, TX; Mrs. Anne Merrill, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Mornig, Port St. Lucie, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (November 26th)

Julio Aristy, III
Orlando Lolo

Wednesday (November 29th)

Karen MacDonald
Regina Paul

Monday (November 27th)

Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.)
Gary Friedly

Thursday (November 30th)

Andres Fernandez

Tuesday (November 28th)

Mike Damron
Aaron Ross

Saturday (December 2nd)

Pat Brown
Steward Lynch

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, November 26

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening PrayerDavid Thorpe
Scripture Reading..... Austin Williams
Presiding at TableDan Fuller
Serve at Table:
Kane Campbell Bobby Ingraham
Josue Charles Rick Price
Mike Damron Vincent Rogers
Jeff Goodale Chris Thompson
Alternates:
Rick Hall Gary Seames
Closing Prayer David Lord

Sunday Evening, November 26

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening PrayerMike Ellis
Scripture Reading.....Clayton Trujillo
Presiding at Table.....Joe Maloney
Victor Colage
Paul Metzkes
Mike Trujillo
Closing PrayerDavid Holaday

Wednesday Evening, November 29

Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Invitation.....Victor Colage
Family Prayer Jim Davis

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 19	Oct. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	254	227
Sun. A.M. Worship	422	339
Sun. P.M. Worship	159	181
Wed. Bible Study	175	162
Contribution	\$12,559	\$14,579

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -34,543

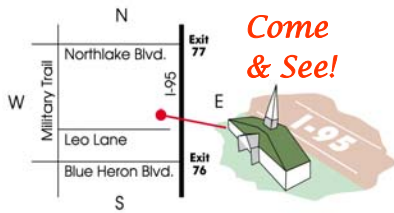
Ushers for week of **Nov. 26**: Head Usher: Jimmie Banks; Brett Lau & Dan McLeod



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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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