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# Our Gospel Meeting is not over!

It keeps on going...on our website!



### The Truth Shall Set You Free

David Lipe conducted a Gospel Meeting at the PBL church of Christ on March 3-6, 2019.



### Treating People Like Jesus

Wednesday, March 06, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### Overcoming Any and Every Excuse

Wednesday, March 06, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### Imitating Jesus

Tuesday, March 05, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### Understanding God's Truth on Baptism

Tuesday, March 05, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### Being a Disciple of Jesus

Monday, March 04, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### The Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Monday, March 04, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### The Truth About Why Men Are Lost

Sunday, March 03, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### What Will You Do with Jesus?

Sunday, March 03, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



### The Danger of Believing a Lie

Sunday, March 03, 2019

Teacher: [David Lipe](#)



Watch. Listen. Share. Repeat.



By Dan Jenkins

## Sometimes It's Better to Die Young

Many know of that time when the prophet Isaiah came to King Hezekiah who was seriously ill. The message was simple. Isaiah told the king that he was to die. "Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live" (2 Kgs. 20:1). When the prophet departed, Hezekiah prayed so fervently to God that before Isaiah had left the palace God told the prophet to return to the king and deliver the message that his life would be lengthened fifteen years. There are some vital truths we must learn from the details of this wonderful story.

### Hezekiah's Ingratitude

You would think that Hezekiah would have immediately responded with a heart filled with thanksgiving for all that God had done. Such was not the case. "But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor shown to him, for his heart was lifted up" (2 Chron. 32:25).

Now before you react too quickly, how often have you prayed about matters, and your prayers were answered? How did you respond? Adversity leads us to prayer, but we must learn to repay God for the favor he has shown.

### Hezekiah's Gratitude

No details are given, but that verse in 2 Chronicles

shows that God's wrath was looming over Hezekiah and over his kingdom. It never became a reality because of the king's response. "Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah."

Hezekiah was one of the great kings of the Jews, and it impacted the lives of all those in Judah. It is obvious that their petitions of God changed what was about to happen. God heard Hezekiah's petition to spare his life and his petition for deliverance from the impending doom.

### Don't Live Too Long

God did lengthen his life fifteen years. What happened in those years? You may not be aware of the ungodly impact the next king had on Judah. His name was Manasseh, and he ruled for fifty-five years.

During his reign, the Jews totally forgot about God and temple worship stopped. That glorious temple Solomon built fell into disrepair, and the Bible kept in the temple was completely forgotten and lost.

Who was Manasseh, and what was his relation to Hezekiah? He was Hezekiah's son who was born to him during the fifteen years God added to his life. It would have been far better had Hezekiah died than to have lived and fathered evil Manasseh. The point is obvious. Better to die young and faithful than to live too long and create evil!



By David Sproule

## "A Funny Way to Count"

*"So, how many did we have here today?"* The question is asked in regard to the number of attendees at the lunchtime Bible study. *"We had one, eighty-one,"* is the response shouted back. *What?! Everyone can obviously see that there were not over 100 people at the Bible study! There are barely 181 chairs even set up in the room, and less than half of the chairs are filled! This guy can't count!"*

An explanation is then provided for the count. *"It was not stated that we had one hundred, eighty-one people here. But, we had one, eighty-one. There are 81 persons in the room. Plus, the Lord is here! And, since 'the LORD is one' and He comes first, we had One, eighty-one today." Tricky! Tricky! Leave it up to a preacher to count like that!*

While that is a silly way to count those in attendance, the truth is that the Bible teaches us to "count" those who are present in that fashion. *"What? You can't be serious!"*

When Jesus was speaking about the matter of church discipline and the responsibility to "tell it to the church" and for the church to take collective action, He concluded His comments by laying out this principle, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:15-20). Jesus affirmed that when believers

**The Bible teaches us to "count" those who are present in that fashion.**

are "gathered together" by His authority to do exactly as He wills us to do, He is there. If there are three persons, then the count is One (Jesus), three. Or you could write it 1(3).

Near the end of the New Testament, the opposite viewpoint of this "counting method" is affirmed. The apostle John wrote, "Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son..." (2 John

9-10). Contrast this with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18. Wherever two or three are gathered together, but are gathered to teach, to hear, to adhere to, to abide in a doctrine other than the doctrine of Christ, the Lord is not there. If there are three persons present, then the count is Zero (no Jesus), three. Or you could write it 0(3).

The first number is the one that matters. The presence of the Lord is the ONE that matters! But, the Lord is only present if the group of Christians is (1) gathered to DO His will and (2) gathered to TEACH and ABIDE in His doctrine. If both of those are true, the ONE Lord is there. But, if either of them is not true, the Lord is NOT there. In mathematics, 1(3) still equals 3. But, 0(3) equals 0. Think about that! If a group does not teach His doctrine, abide in His doctrine and practice His doctrine, then the Lord (the ONE that matters) is not present! We need to count the way He counts!



## Living in Harmony with God

I saw a grandfather holding his grandson. The man was standing with his arms holding the child. On the man's face you could see complete contentment. The boy had melted onto his grandfather's shoulder. His eyes were open. He was perfectly still. It appeared as though he had no cares or worries. He was just happy about where he was. Both were exactly where they wanted to be. What a beautiful picture of two lives in harmony.

This is not unlike some of the images that the Bible uses to describe God's relationship with mankind. "When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son... Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them in My arms... I led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love, And I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from their jaws; And I bent down and fed them" (Hos. 11:1-4). This passage serves to contrast God's care with the disobedience of Israel. We can see the tenderness of God in this description.

We see this also in Jesus' teaching. "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling" (Matt. 23:37). We see the care and concern of God

### God wants harmony with us.

contrasted with a hard-hearted people. God used eagles to describe this in Moses' day. "He found him in a desert land, And in the howling waste of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the pupil of His eye. Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, That hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions. The LORD alone guided him..." (Deut. 32:10-12). These passages point to the type of relationship that God wants.

It is obvious that He was willing to pay the price to have this relationship restored after man's sin. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). God wants that close relationship with us. Many of us want it and have it. When we walk in obedience, we have what so many before us have missed out on. "For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord" (Eph. 5:8-10). God still sees us as His dear children. God wants to live in harmony with us. The only thing standing in the way of that relationship is us. We impede such great blessings by our own childish stubbornness. We must surrender, put away our self-will and walk in obedience. Then, we can live in harmony with God of this world. Then, we can be perfectly content and exactly where we both want to be.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Just ask!

It is interesting to note various parallels between Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7) and his half-brother's epistle near the end of our New Testaments (the book of James). One such parallel is on the word "ask." Five times in Matthew 7, Jesus emphasized the need for God's people to "ask" (7:7-11). A similar emphasis is found in chapters one and four of James.

First, we must learn the need to "ask" (Jas. 4:2). Second, we must learn to "keep on asking," as accentuated by the Greek present tense (1:5). Third, we must properly direct our request and "ask of God" (1:5). Fourth, we must "ask in faith, with no doubting," having absolute confidence in the power and willingness of the One of whom we ask (1:6). Fifth, we must not "ask amiss," with the wrong motives and for fleshly purposes (4:3).

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Matt. 7:7), affirming that the "Father who is in heaven [will] give good things to those who ask Him!" (7:11). Do you believe it? Just ask! – DS



### You never know...and you don't need to

There are people all around you (folks you know and folks you don't know) who are hurting for a variety of reasons. Maybe they're suffering from physical or medical ailments. Maybe they're dealing with emotional struggles. Maybe they're aching over family issues, relationship troubles, loneliness or uncertainties. Most (a very high percentage) of the hurts that people are experiencing are completely unknown and invisible to us. So, what can we do?

What if you: hold the door open for someone, smile at someone, say "Good morning," say "Thank you," say "Have a nice day," call someone just to check on them, take time to warmly look someone in the eye when speaking to them, give someone a hug, shake a hand with a little extra meaning, let someone go in front of you in line, extend a courteous and helpful act that may only take a few seconds, ask if there's anything you can do, ask if there's something you can be praying for, "let your gentle spirit be known to all" (Phil. 4:5)? Give it a try! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	upcoming medical tests
<b>Pat Brown</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Chuck Clark</b>	hospital in Miami for medical testing, prostate cancer
<b>Cora Lee Dennis</b>	Kindred Hospital for long-term care, dialysis treatments
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	dealing with some medical issues
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	undergoing treatments
<b>Bobby Ingraham</b>	still dealing with a lot of leg pain
<b>Janice Osborne</b>	having surgery on March 11
<b>Lorena Pittman</b>	recovering from cataract surgery
<b>Connie Plouffe</b>	recovering from a back procedure
<b>Betty Sanders</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Dorothy Savage</b>	dealing with multiple health issues
<b>Yolanda Stewart</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Linda Studer</b>	undergoing chemo treatments
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	still having tests on her throat
<b>Betty White</b>	recovering from an eye procedure

### Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Joe Holland</b>	chronic health issues
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

### Pray for Our Shut-Ins

<b>Millie Ames</b>	Loretta Holaday
<b>Hattie Daniels</b>	Daniel Johnson
<b>Sandra Daniels</b>	Don & Betty Matter
<b>Josie Dawson</b>	Deidra Miley
<b>Cora Lee Dennis</b>	Harriet Morris
<b>Annie Faison</b>	Godfrey Pratt
<b>Margie Hardin</b>	Leigh Puckett
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from pneumonia
<b>David Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer
<b>Charles Griffen</b>	Mary Porter's father, still not doing well
<b>Candy Hudson</b>	Kane Campbell's sister, recovering from heart attack
<b>Sally Isom</b>	Chuck Reeves, Sr.'s sister, under Hospice Care in Palm Bay
<b>Darrin McCreery</b>	Pat Harrington's son, prostate cancer surgery on Mar. 25
<b>Edna Seames</b>	Gary Seames' mother, recovering from knee replacement
<b>Sandy Swartz</b>	Karen Friesner's sister, recovering from open heart surg.

*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

**Bahamas**  
Tavarro & Shameika Hanna



# Church Family *Calendar of Events*

## Sunday, March 10

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Cans & Supply Lists** will be available in the Lobby. Pick up a can to fill with change for Mount Dora and a supply list to buy items. Please return cans and items by Sunday, May 5.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, March 11

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

## Tuesday, March 12

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

## Sunday, March 17

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Sunday, March 17 (cont.)

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Friday, March 22

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

## Sunday, March 24

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Tuesday, March 26

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

## Sunday, March 31

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room.

# Young Adults

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

## Tuesday, March 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Casey Bound. Bring your own dinner or eat before you come. Dessert will be provided.

## Saturday, March 16

- ◆ **Young Adult Cookout for Kids** from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help run the event for Christian Homes for Children.

## Friday, March 22

- ◆ **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, March 23

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

## Monday, April 2

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



# Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, March 10

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

## Friday, March 22

- ◆ **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, March 23

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

## Sunday, March 24

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Bring drinks or desserts.

MARCH:



## To Defend God's Truth

*"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to **give a defense** to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."*  
*(1 Peter 3:15)*

*"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints."*  
*(Jude 3)*

***"I am set for the defense of the gospel."***  
*(Philippians 1:16-17)*



Sunday,  
March 3



I would like to personally thank the church for your cards, calls and condolences in the loss of my son, **Roosevelt**, and for your continued prayers.

Carolyn Preston

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

### Monday (March 11th)

Godfrey & Norma Pratt (Ann.)

### Tuesday (March 12th)

Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)  
Marvin Dozier

### Wednesday (March 13th)

Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)  
Vivian Blackmer  
Leesa Schenk

### Thursday (March 14th)

Mike Erickson  
Michael Morning

### Friday (March 15th)

Henry & Josephine Bass (Ann.)

### Saturday (March 16th)

Tim Cox  
Lynne Jorgensen  
Sue Shelt

## 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, March 10

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Dirk Summerlot  
Scripture Reading..... Tim Fry  
Presiding at Table ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Serve at Table:  
David Bound David Lord  
Glen Dawson Michael Morning  
Eddie Gooden Kevin Weeks  
Bobby Ingraham Marty Williams  
Alternates:  
Mike Erickson Chris Thompson  
Closing Prayer ..... Kane Campbell

### Sunday Evening, March 10

Lead Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Johnny Davis  
Scripture Reading..... Mike Ellis  
Presiding at Table.....Bob Higbee  
Victor Colage  
Deltom Lequernaqué  
John Patrick  
Closing Prayer ..... Ken Tipton  
**Wednesday Evening, March 13**  
Lead Singing ..... John Loftis  
Invitation..... Ken Tipton  
Family Prayer ..... Jeff Leslie

## Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 3	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	308	214
Sun. A.M. Worship	466	359
Sun. P.M. Worship	263	148
Wed. Bible Study	210	174
Contribution	\$16,372	\$14,756
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$1,358		

Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks (Head Usher); David Brown & Gary Jenkins  
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron & Taylor Reeves



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.*



## 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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A Recharge for Christian Men

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**Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

### ENJOY:

15-Minute POWER Lessons

- + Brotherly Fellowship
- + Lunch