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# Bahamas Mission Team

## Eight Mile Rock • August 16-22



*Mission Team Members: Josh Blackmer, Joseph Charles, Anthioda Charles, Maria Hackshaw, Patricia Harrington, Rosemarie Joseph, Jeff Leslie, Patricia Patterson, Carolyn Preston, Joel Ramirez, Jim Rogers & Amy West*

As school begins, **please pray for our students and teachers** to be safe, to work hard, to remain steadfast in their faith and to be a positive, Christ-centered influence in their schools.





By Dan Jenkins

## America's New Kind of God

The events which followed the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel are recorded in the seventeenth chapter of Second Kings. The Assyrians moved many of the Jews, who were part of Israel, and sent them throughout the Assyrian world. Then, they brought men from other nations and settled them in Israel. This was an attempt, largely successful, to destroy the ethnicity of the Jews.

There was a problem when all of this happened. The Gentiles who came into the Promised Land brought their own gods and worshiped them. The anger of the Lord was stirred against this use of His land. "Therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them" (v. 25). So, the king of Assyria understood the reason for the problem and said the lions "...are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the God of the land" (v. 26). His solution was to find a Jewish priest and send him to Bethel to teach them how to fear God (v. 28).

What was the result of all of this? "They feared the Lord, yet served their own gods—according to the rituals of the nations...they did not obey, but they followed their formal rituals...so the nations feared the Lord, yet served their carved images" (vs. 33, 40, 41).

**They feared the Lord God, redefined Him, and then followed their own hearts**

What happened in that land is happening in our own land. Those people of the fallen northern kingdom did not like what they had been taught about the God in whose land they now dwelt. They simply redefined the God of Israel and ignored what He had said. Perhaps their fear of the lions was greater than their fear of the Lion of Israel. It is obvious they accepted some of the "rituals" of Judaism but brought in a new god they defined. The actual truth about that situation is found in verse thirty-four. "They do not fear the Lord, nor do they follow...the commandment which the Lord commanded." Isn't this is what is happening in our land?

We have redefined God and, while ritualistically following Him in some ways, we are serving our newly defined God! Think of all that is happening with the elevation of our own ideas. God's view of marriage has been laid aside, and the "new God" accepts our own definitions of marriage. God's view of worship being centered on all humbly praising Him has been replaced with worship that is man-centered and is designed to make us *feel* spiritual. The applause is given to Christian entertainers instead of reverence directed toward heaven. Look at all of Christendom and see if we are not doing as those in Israel.

It is high time for our nation, and us individually, to truly fear God and keep His commandments.



By David Sproule

## You Can't Be Putting Christ First If...

The first six letters of the word "Christian" give an obvious and helpful reminder that there is ONE who MUST come FIRST and absolutely foremost in our lives—CHRIST! There is no question that one cannot be a CHRISTian without CHRIST, and the positioning of those six letters is FIRST in the word! As a Floridian is one who is "of or belonging to" the state of Florida, a Christian is one who is "of or belonging to" Christ.

Scripture clearly teaches the place that Christ demands to have in the life of a Christian. Read this text from Colossians very carefully: Christ is "the firstborn OVER ALL creation. For by Him ALL things were created...ALL things were created through Him and for Him. And He is BEFORE ALL things, and in Him ALL things consist...that in ALL things He may HAVE THE PREEMINENCE" (1:15-18, emp. added). Read that last line again—"that in ALL things He may HAVE THE PREEMINENCE."

The expression "have the preeminence" is a present tense participle that means "to be first, hold the first place." So, Christ is to "have first place in everything" (NASB). A serious question for every Christian to answer is, Do I have Christ in "first place in everything" in my life? There are a number of

litmus tests to answer that question, but Scripture provides one in this context. Read the entirety of verse 18, part of which was omitted above.

"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." In the context of Christ having first place in ALL things is the affirmation that He is "the head of the body, the church." How essential is Christ to His body? Well, what are you without your head? How essential is the church (or the body) to Christ? Well, what are you without your body?

Christ and His body are inseparable! It is not possible to have one (ex: Christ) without equally having the other (ex: the church). Yet, some individuals try to make claims to the contrary by saying things like, "I'll take Christ, but I'm not interested in the church," OR "Christ is first in my life but I'm still not sure about the church," OR "I don't really have time for the church right now but Christ is my everything." Such cannot be the case!

The preeminence of the church is taught by the Head of the church Himself. He commanded, "Seek first His kingdom" (Matt. 6:33). So, which is supposed to be "first" in our lives—Christ or His church? The answer is, BOTH! One cannot be first in your life without the other being first! You can't be putting Christ first if you're not putting His church first!

**Do I have Christ in "first place in everything" in my life?**



By Josh Blackmer

## Five Views of Salvation

In Mark's account of the Great Commission, Jesus' words are clear and simple. "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16a). As simple as this is, there are five different views regarding salvation.

The first is, "He who has believed and has been baptized shall not be saved." There are two groups that believe this statement. Atheists that don't believe in God, heaven, hell or salvation of any kind. Also, all those that don't believe in Jesus as the Son of God. This view contradicts the Bible. There is a God who offers salvation (1 Tim. 2:3-4), and it is through Jesus only (1 Tim. 2:5-6).

The second is, "He who has not believed and is not baptized will be saved." This view is held by those that believe that all people will eventually be saved. This view contradicts the Bible. Jesus Himself said that there would be few who would be saved (Matt. 7:13-14). Paul also warned of those who would not be saved but face the wrath of God (Eph. 5:5-6).

The third is, "He who has not believed and has been baptized shall be saved." This view is held by people who practice infant baptism. By "baptizing" (sprinkling) infants incapable of faith, they indicate that faith is not essential to salvation.

By sprinkling or pouring instead of immersion, they also indicate that Jesus did not mean what He said about baptism. This contradicts the Bible. Faith is a necessary prerequisite for baptism and salvation (Acts 8:35-37; Rom. 10:9-10). Baptism is described in the Bible as a burial (Rom 6:3-4). Sprinkling or pouring was substituted in the place of baptism (immersion) hundreds of years after Christ and His apostles. By keeping the tradition of men by sprinkling or pouring, we fail to keep the command of God concerning baptism.

### With which of these views is our life consistent?

The fourth view is, "He who has believed and has not been baptized shall be saved." This view is held by those that believe in faith only. They believe that one is saved before baptism, and that baptism is not essential to salvation. This view contradicts the Bible. Faith alone can't save. This was declared by Jesus (Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46) and by His apostles (Rom. 6:17-18; Heb. 5:9; 1 Pet. 1:22).

Lastly, "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved." This view takes Jesus' words at face value. No explanations are necessary. This is clearly what the Bible teaches. Belief (Acts 8:36-37) and baptism need to happen before one can enjoy the spiritual blessing of salvation (Acts 8:36-37; 2:38; 22:16). It should be clear there is only one view which is in harmony with Jesus' words. The next question is, with which of these views is our life consistent?

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Mighty in the Scriptures?

When Apollos is introduced to the reader in Acts 18, he is described as being "mighty in the Scriptures" and "instructed in the way of the Lord" (18:24-25). I have known some men who I considered to be "mighty in the Scriptures." I stand in awe of such men. I would imagine that the brethren in Ephesus were impressed with Apollos. Sometimes, the tendency is to believe and accept whatever such teachers say, for they know so much and "who am I to question?"

However, Scripture lets us know that Apollos was in error when it came to the topic of "baptism" (18:25). So, Aquila and Priscilla, rather than either (1) believing what Apollos said because he knew so much, or (2) remaining silent when they realized he was in error, "took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately" (18:26).

Don't believe everything you hear! No matter who it is! Measure every teacher against God's Word (Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1)!  
- DS



### Are you hastening the day?

The Bible teaches that Jesus is coming back (Acts 1:9-11; Heb. 9:28b). Are you ready for that? The Bible teaches that Jesus will return as suddenly and unexpectedly as a thief in the night (Matt. 24:43-44; 2 Pet. 3:10). Are you ready for that? In reaction to the certainty of the return of Christ, the Bible bids Christians to be "looking for and hastening the coming" (2 Pet. 3:12). The Greek verb for "hastening" is also found in Luke 2:16, when the shepherds "came with haste" to find Baby Jesus, and in Luke 19:5-6, when Jesus told Zacchaeus to "make haste and come down" from the tree. God wants us to "make haste" or "hurry up" the coming of Jesus.

What does that mean? How do we do that? In the context, God calls upon His people to be constantly looking for and constantly hastening Jesus' return by devoting themselves to "holy conduct and godliness" (3:11). By faithfully carrying out our responsibilities as Christians, we are preparing for and even hastening His return, by accomplishing His will on this earth. So, by your Christian conduct, are you hastening His return or hoping its delayed? - DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	rotator cuff replacement surgery on August 19
<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	undergoing rehab at home
<b>Kane Campbell</b>	recovering from knee replacement surgery
<b>Betty Davis</b>	now in Kindred Hospital, still NO visitors please
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	recovering from injections in her back
<b>Mary A. Jackson</b>	hip replacement surgery on August 15
<b>Kasandra Jones</b>	recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	having two procedures on August 23
<b>Willie Smith</b>	heart surgery consultation in Tampa on August 27
<b>Linda Studer</b>	monthly chemo treatments
<b>Sadie Tennant</b>	recovering at home

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Hattie Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Sandra Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Josie Dawson	Deidra Miley
Annie Faison	Harriet Morris
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Ann Freseman</b>	Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from cataract surg.
<b>Lena Kelly</b>	Adrienne Banks' mother, has stage 4 lung cancer
<b>Beau Nelson</b>	Buzz & Kathy Nelson's son, undergoing medical tests
<b>Morris Richardson</b>	Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak
<b>Ulysses Smith</b>	Mary Brown's brother, Boca Reg. Hospital, has leukemia

**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*  
**Tavaro & Shameika Hanna**



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Monday, August 19

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

## Tuesday, August 20

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

## Sunday, August 25

- ◆ **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.

## Thursday, August 29

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes.

## Sunday, September 1

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

## Sunday, September 8

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

## Sunday, September 8 (cont.)

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

## Saturday, September 14

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is *"Behind the Mask."* RSVP by Monday, August 19. See the bulletin board for more details.

## Sunday, September 15

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

## Sunday, September 29

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship. Bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to attend.

## Sunday, October 6

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

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

### Tuesday, September 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. Bring sides, desserts and drinks. See Cindy Nelson for more details.

### Friday, September 6

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

### Saturday, September 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Robert Lupo and Heath Johnson. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Saturday, September 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Hangout** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Tuesday, October 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Cindy Nelson for details.



## **Palm Beach Lakes** **Youth**

### Saturday, August 24

- ◆ **Jr. High Game Night** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. Bring finger foods, desserts or drinks and also your favorite board or card games.

### Sunday, August 25

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

### Sunday, September 1

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo with Stuart Youth Group** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring drinks and desserts.

### Friday, September 6

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> ☆ <b>North Lake Nursing Home Visit</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Devo with Stuart Youth</b>	<b>2</b> b Johnny Davis b Jessica Ramirez b Nahum Villard	<b>3</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night</b>	<b>4</b> a Gary & Doris Friedly b Nate Nelson b Marty Williams	<b>5</b> a Chuck & Trish Clark	<b>6</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High &amp; Young Adult Ladies' Hangout</b> b Derrick Banks	<b>7</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> b Ariana Aristy b Bill Ingram, Jr. b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner
<b>8</b> ☆ <b>New Bible Classes Begin</b> ☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b> b Verdell March b Katie Sproule	<b>9</b> b Jennifer Walker	<b>10</b> b Debi Watson	<b>11</b> a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss	<b>12</b> b Michell Castonguay b Darin Summerlot	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High Family Bowling</b> ☆ <b>Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens</b> b Josh Blackmer b Taylor Hayes
<b>15</b> ☆ <b>EDP Bible Study &amp; Fellowship</b>	<b>16</b> a Justilien & Adelene Honore b Peggy Hall	<b>17</b> b Mike Ellis b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes	<b>18</b> b Marcia Kelley	<b>19</b> b Justilien Honore	<b>20</b> b Sue Maisano	<b>21</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Hangout</b>
<b>22</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High Family Devo</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Devo</b> b Luann McLeod	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> a Johnny & Betty Davis b Cornelius Brown b Sabrina Swayne	<b>25</b> a David & Marie Thorpe b Dan Fuller	<b>26</b> b Betty Davis b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> b Graysen Hayes
<b>RUSH Weekend at FHU (September 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>)</b>						
<b>29</b> ☆ <b>Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods</b> b Angelica Fernandez	<b>30</b>					

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



Sunday,  
August 11

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Mrs. Lucille Black; Mr. & Mrs. James & Wynona Bowman; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Miss Krystian Hammond; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Taylor Johnson; Mr. Colin Kato; Mr. Rudolph March; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Ms. Mary Sturgis; and Ms. Debbie Vasco.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Scott Kelley, Jacob & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Jennifer O'Hannon, New Albany, OH; Ms. Regina Mayne, Stuart, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Payne, Oneida, TN.



We rejoice with **Tamara Jean-Baptiste** who was baptized on Wednesday morning, August 14.



I would like to thank all of you for your support, cards, phone calls, visits, and especially your prayers while I was recovering from my surgery.

Ellen Gager

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We'd like to thank you for every card, every thought, and every prayer that you sent our way for Kane and me, too! It meant so much to us to know how much you cared about us during this painful time. We have such an awesome church family and are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring group of people.

Kane & Fran Campbell

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday (August 18th)

Benny Rodgers  
Deboria Walker

Thursday (August 22nd)

Nicole Freseman

Monday (August 19th)

David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann.)

Friday (August 23rd)

Chuck & Mary Reeves (Ann.)  
Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)  
Skye Brown  
Vita Chery  
Inell Ingram

Tuesday (August 20th)

Josiah Blackmer

Wednesday (August 21st)

Josie Dawson  
Bettye King

Saturday (August 24th)

Sandi Hanna  
Turkessa Staley

**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, August 18**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan McLeod  
Scripture Reading..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Presiding at Table ..... Kirk Crews  
Serve at Table:  
    Jimmie Banks      Paul Metzkes  
    Glen Dawson      Michael Morning  
    Charles Hayes      Cody Price  
    Namdidie Ikon      Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
Alternates:  
    Morris McDaniel      Darin Summerlot  
Closing Prayer ..... Robert Mariano

**Sunday Evening, August 18**

Lead Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Willie Smith  
Scripture Reading..... Phil Porter  
Presiding at Table..... Jeff Goodale  
    Gorman Ericksen  
    Daniel Lord  
    Simon Tyson  
Closing Prayer ..... Bobbo Lupo

**Wednesday Evening, August 21**

Lead Singing ..... Max Fonrose  
Invitation..... Phil Porter  
Family Prayer ..... Bill Ingram, Jr.

**Our Record**

Attendance	Aug. 11	July Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	220	202
Sun. A.M. Worship	323	314
Sun. P.M. Worship	179	144
Wed. Bible Study	196	160
Contribution	\$16,564	\$14,639
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$8,184		

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox (Head Usher); Taylor Reeves & Kevin Weeks

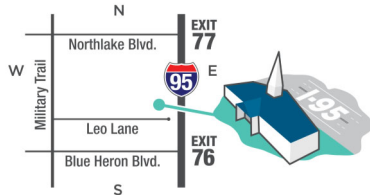
Safety Team for this week: Jerry Pittman & L.H. Richardson



# 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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24<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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## Upcoming Events

### September 8

New Bible Classes Begin for Adults & Children

### September 29

Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods

### October 11-13

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

### November 7-10

24<sup>th</sup> Annual South Florida Lectureship

Theme: "Conformed to His Image"

### November 16

Congregational Bonfire & Singing

### November 17

Robert Martin Mission Report

### November 20

New 10-Week Bible Classes Begin