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By Dan Jenkins

## Open Doors Will Be Closed

Jesus' words in the parable of the ten virgins have a great application in the way we live our lives. Those virgins who failed to bring enough oil for their lamps found themselves unprepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. When he came, the wedding celebration began, and they were not included. His words? "And the door was shut" (Matt. 25:10).

The door was shut. What a vivid description to emphasize that in our lives there are opportunities which come our way, and we must react immediately or that open door may be shut for us. This is especially true of those times when our hearts are being convicted to obey the gospel, and we fail to respond. Look at some of these events which come to us in the lives of almost every one of us.

### The Open Door When We Are Young

Solomon said, "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth" (Ecc. 12:1). One of the most wonderful experiences is to watch the innocent faith of toddlers grow and grow until that time when they choose to become Christians. Timothy is a Biblical example of this. We should not be surprised that when, as a very young man, he was taught by Paul he became a Christian. This was because his mother and grandmother's faith was seen by Timothy (even though his

father was a pagan). The foundation of that faith was taught to him. Paul said that the knowledge of the Scriptures started when Timothy was a child (the Greek word used is infancy), and this resulted in Timothy obeying the gospel (2 Tim. 3:15).

Now suppose Timothy had not failed to remember his Creator. Listen to the rest of Solomon's words. "...before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'" Those who do not remember Him when they are young may find that as they get older the time arrives when that door is shut.

### The Open Door Later in Life

Youth is not the only time we can follow Him, but it is the easiest time. When Paul preached the door to the Roman governor, Felix trembled. There was an open door. How did he respond? "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you" (Acts 24:25). As far as we know, that time never came. Is it possible that you are close to becoming a Christian, but you think a better time will come? It may never come.

### The Final Door Permanently Closed

Remember this. When you draw your last breath the door truly will be shut, never to be opened again. God says, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Do not let the door close before you!

**Open doors lie before us, but we must enter them before they close**



By David Sproule

## You Can't Be Putting the Church First If...

Christ will not accept second place in our lives. As our Creator (Col. 1:16), our Sustainer (Col. 1:17), our Savior (Phil. 3:20) and our Lord (Acts 10:36), He expects and demands to "have first place in everything" (Col. 1:18). Second place is not an option (cf. Rev. 3:16).

It is evident that such priority and preeminence applies to His body, His church, as well. The Bible reveals that Jesus loves the church so much (i.e., it is of such preeminent importance to Him) that He "gave Himself for her" (Eph. 5:25). How important is the church to be to Christians today? Jesus states it plainly, "Seek first His kingdom" (Matt. 6:33). Second place is not an option! A serious question for every Christian, therefore, today is, Do I have the church "first" in my life? There are a number of litmus tests to answer that question, but Scripture provides one very clear indicator.

If the church is first in my life (and if Christ is first), then "His righteousness" will be first (Matt. 6:33). "His righteousness" entails much in the Christian life, for Scripture teaches that "all Your commandments are righteousness" (Psa. 119:172). Rather than define or follow our "own righteousness," we must submit "to the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:3). This includes what happens on the Lord's Day.

If the church and God's righteousness are first in my life, then gathering with the church on the Lord's Day will be first in my life. Five times in 1 Corinthians 11 (the latter half of the chapter being devoted to correcting the church's observation of the Lord's Supper), Paul talks about the first day of the week being when the church would "come together" (11:17, 18, 20, 33, 34). If I do not "come together" with the church each Sunday, can I truly say the church is first in my life?

**If the church is first in my life, then "His righteousness" will be first**

The focal point of the "coming together" (as emphasized by the aorist infinitive in 1 Corinthians 11:20 and Acts 20:7) is "to eat the Lord's Supper" (i.e., "to break bread"). On every first day of the week, the New Testament Christian is to gather with fellow Christians to engage in "communion" (1 Cor. 10:16) with them and with the Lord Himself (Matt. 26:29). If I do not "commune" in the Lord's Supper with the church each Sunday, can I truly say the church is first in my life?

I cannot say that the church and God's righteousness are first in my life if, by choice, I am "forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25). When I willfully absent myself from worshiping God on the first day of the week, I am choosing to put Him and His church in some place other than first. Fellow Christian, you can't be putting the church first if you're not putting the worship assembly first!



By Josh Blackmer

## Lighthouses

Lighthouses have always been a comfort to those that see them. Lighthouses have been around since ancient times. The most famous was the lighthouse of Alexandria on the Nile River Delta. It was built between 280-247 BC almost three hundred years before Christ was born. It is estimated to have stood 330 feet high and was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Lighthouses have two basic purposes—to provide navigational assistance and to warn of the dangers in the water.

Light is something that naturally serves those two purposes. John talks about Jesus as, “The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it” (John 1:5). The word comprehend literally means that the darkness couldn’t overtake the light. John also wrote, “There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man” (John 1:9). He sets out the two purposes of light at the very beginning of his letter—to shine into the darkness and to enlighten, or make known, to every man.

We might ask ourselves, are we continuing that same practice? Are we being the lighthouses along the shore? Are we keeping the lower lights burning? We have been told to be lights. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot

be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:14-16). When we became Christians, we were “called out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). For this reason, John warns us again, “This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:5-7).

**Light can’t help but shine.**

God has supplied everything for us to be able to shine that light into the darkness. If we have been made a part of His light, then we know enough to shine that light and warn others. This is not an optional action on our part. Light can’t help but shine. So, we are light, or we are darkness. We shine when we live righteous lives before men (Eph. 5:11-16). We are to warn and help them not make a wreck of their lives. If we are to be true lighthouses, we cannot move, we remain constant, and we shine as bright as possible. We should be monoliths of truth. We should never do anything that would dim our ability to shine.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Let your mind contemplate these

What do you let into your mind? What do you let settle itself down in your mind and make itself at home? What do you allow to take up residence in your mind so long that you find yourself meditating on it and allowing it to become a part of your character?

How often do we let these sorts of things into our hearts: falsehoods, untruths, irreverence, mockery, injustice, prejudice, impurity, immorality, vileness, hatred, indecency, vulgarity, etc.? Honestly, do we let any of these in sometimes to find that they won’t leave? The items on this list were not chosen at random. They are actually the complete opposite of those things on which God tells us meditate. Think about this verse in light of these thoughts today: “Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Phil. 4:8). What’s on your mind? – DS



### Living in a crooked and perverse world

Would you say that the world we live in today could be aptly described as “crooked and perverse”? I don’t know of two words that could more accurately express the condition of our society today! Yet, do you know that those are the exact words that God used to depict the world in which His first-century followers were living—2,000 year ago? The word “crooked” emphasizes ones who are warped, having turned from the truth and toward depravity. The word “perverse” means that which is twisted and distorted. Yes, that is our world today!

So, what should we do about it? This text tells us to live as “children of God,” untainted by our evil generation, “among whom you shine as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:14). Among a crooked and perverse people, God tells us to live right, do right and let the light of the gospel shine through us into the darkness of moral decay! Can it make a difference? Maybe not with the majority, but what about with just one person? What if one person today turned from the crooked and perverse to the straight and narrow because of you? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	recovering from rotator cuff replacement surgery
<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	undergoing rehab at home
<b>Jackie Creary</b>	dealing with severe back pain
<b>Betty Davis</b>	ICU at Kindred Hospital, still NO visitors please
<b>Terri Hahn</b>	ICU at Gardens Medical Center, heart attack and stent
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	recovering from injections in her back
<b>Mary A. Jackson</b>	recovering from hip replacement surgery
<b>Kasandra Jones</b>	recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	having two procedures on August 23
<b>David Lord</b>	awaiting results from thyroid biopsy
<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

## 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.

## Monday, August 26

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

## Tuesday, August 27

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

## 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.

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**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**

## 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, September 8

- ◆ **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

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - September, 2019

September 1      September 8      September 15      September 22      September 29

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	David Sproule	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard Jr.	Orlando Lolo	Victor Colage	Mike Archer	Jerry Hopkins
Scripture Reading	Jim Davis	Jimmie Banks	Cam Crotts	Gary Jenkins	L.H. Richardson
Presiding at Table	Dan McLeod	Taylor Reeves	Joe Maloney	Bob Higbee	Robert Mariano
Serving at Table:	Jordan Beasley	David Brown	Derrick Banks	Josiah Blackmer	Jim Davis
	Mike Damron	Chuck Clark	Tim Cox	Mike Erickson	Gorman Ericksen
	Errol Gower-Winter	Dion Hayes	Dick Kelley	Ed Gager	Devin Eutsey
	Tim Mahlbacher	Namdidie Ikon	Vincent Rogers	Bobby Ingraham	Jeff Goodale
	Paul Metzkes	Mike Morning	David Thorpe	Ken Long	Rick Hall
	John Patrick	Cody Price	Jonathan Swayne	Rick Price	Jeremy Maloney
	Simon Tyson	Daniel Wagner	Nahum Villard	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Nate Nelson
	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	Kevin Weeks	Tyler Williams	Scott Studer
	Closing Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Gary Seames	Tim Fry	Darin Summerlot

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Dan McLeod	
Opening Prayer	Mike Ellis	L.H. Richardson	Glen Dawson	Dan Fuller	
Scripture Reading	Daniel Lord	Graysen Hayes	Max Fonrose	Harrison Crotts	
Presiding at Table	Jim Rogers	Dirk Summerlot	Jerry Pittman	Morris McDaniel	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Serving at Table:	Josiah Blackmer	Eddie Gooden	Tim Mahlbacher	Chuck Clark	
	Richard Lerro	Nick Pietro	Simon Tyson	Paul Metzkes	
	Scott Studer	Daniel Swayne	Eugene Williams	Daniel Wagner	
Closing Prayer	Chris Thompson	Rick Hall	Dan McLeod	Henry Williams	

Alternates:					
	Novel Brown	Jeff Goodale	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Kirk Crews	Kane Campbell
	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	John Loftis	Phil Porter	Lawrence Williams	Richard Watson

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

Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
<i>Ushers</i>	<b>Sept 1 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Sept 8 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Sept 15 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Sept 22 &amp; 25</b>	<b>Sept 29 &amp; Oct 2</b>
Head Usher:	Lance Collier	→			
	Gorman Ericksen	Harrison Crotts	Ed Buonadonna	Eddie Gooden	Stephen Beliech
	Andy Fernandez	Gary Jenkins	Chad Morgan	Jeff Leslie	Joe Maloney
<i>Safety Team</i>	Bob Higbee	David Lord	Bobbo Lupo	Mike Damron	Daniel Swayne
	Shaun Tyson	Darin Summerlot	Seth Watson	Shaun Tyson	Nahum Villard

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

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.

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)**



Sunday,  
August 18

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Ryan Bodin; Mr. & Mrs. James & Wynona Bowman; Mr. Brad Dubuisson; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Miss Krystian Hammond; Kai & Isla Henderson; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Taylor Johnson; Mr. Rudolph March; Mrs. Jean Pieros; Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts; Ms. Cynthia Ware; and Ms. Mabelle Williams & Macquas.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. Dennis Jackson, Duncan, SC; Mr. Scott Kelley, Jacob & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. James & Ginger Lee, Tuscaloosa, AL; Ms. Jayne Morrison, Boca Raton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Lamont & Stacy Ross, Andrew Ross, & Brandon Brazile, Sunnyvale, TX; Mr. & Mrs. John Summerlot, Toby & Caleb, Mr. Leslie Szakacs, Parkland, FL; and Mr. Morris Williams, Boston, GA.



Sunday (August 25th)

Quinia Morning

Tuesday (August 27th)

Daniel Lord  
Whitney Williams

Wednesday (August 28th)

Michael & Quinia Morning (Ann.)

Thursday (August 29th)

Jordan Beasley

Friday (August 30th)

Dion & Misty Hayes (Ann.)  
Mary Brown  
Simon Tyson

Saturday (August 31st)

Dan & Luann McLeod (Ann.)  
Nick & Sabrina Pietro (Ann.)  
Cheryllann Wineinger

# News & Notes

**This Sunday begins our 2-Week Mini-Session.** All adults, Jr. High and Sr. High will meet together in the Auditorium for two weeks. Children in Age 3 thru Grade 5 will meet down the south hallway together. Cradle Roll and Toddlers will go to their regular classes.

## 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 25

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... David Lord  
Scripture Reading.....Bob Higbee  
Presiding at Table .....Eugene Williams  
Serve at Table:  
Stephen Beliech Orlando Lolo  
Ed Buonadonna Kenneth Long  
Max Fonrose Jeremy Maloney  
Edward Gager Gary Seames  
Alternates:  
Rick Hall Jeff Leslie  
Closing Prayer .....Bill Ingram, Jr.

### Sunday Evening, August 25

Lead Singing .....Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Cam Crotts  
Scripture Reading..... Tyler Williams  
Presiding at Table.....Victor Colage  
Devin Eutsey  
John Loftis  
Dirk Summerlot  
Closing Prayer ..... Graysen Hayes

### Wednesday Evening, August 28

Lead Singing ..... Graysen Hayes  
Invitation..... Gary Seames  
Family Prayer ..... Ivan Villard

## Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 18	July Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	194	202
Sun. A.M. Worship	326	314
Sun. P.M. Worship	149	144
Wed. Bible Study	182	160
Contribution	\$17,070	\$14,639
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$6,304		

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox (Head Usher); Jim Davis & Rick Price

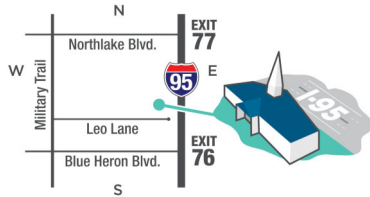
Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews & Daniel Swayne



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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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