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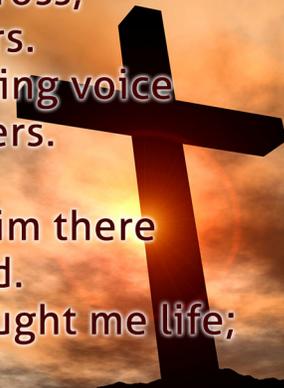
# How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us!  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss!  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.



by Stuart Townsend



By Dan Jenkins

## Follow the Leader

A children's game from long ago involved getting all participants in a line, and one individual was selected to be the leader. Every person was to keep watching and doing everything the leader did. If he took giant steps, everyone in the game had to stay in line and take a giant step at the very place he did. There was a lot of raising of one arm, then two, twisting, jumping, skipping, and hopping. One thing you really learned from the game was to follow the leader.

The truth is that sometimes it was far more difficult to be a follower than to be a leader. The same is true in our spiritual lives. We need to learn how important it is to follow the leader.

We need to learn to follow the leader, but we really need to learn to follow the Leader. That Leader is our Lord, and the Bible has so many verses emphasizing this truth. Paul said, "imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Peter said, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). A good way to look at this is to think about the path our Leader has taken and where He is now. If we keep following Him, imitating Him, we shall someday be where He is now. Hebrews 6:20 describes Him as our forerunner who has already entered that Holy Place where we someday will go.

**Strong leaders are made stronger when there are many strong followers.**

The leader of the game could sometimes make it too difficult to follow him. Obviously, Jesus is not this way, but leaders in the church and in our homes can easily make this mistake. I was the youngest of the four children in our family and the youngest when a large number of cousins were part of the game. The best leaders never forgot what it was like when they were younger and with great compassion made it challenging and yet enjoyable for those who had less ability than many. We need to thank God for godly, caring and compassionate leaders in the body of Jesus.

There were times when those who were not the leader, but who were ahead of you in the line, did not follow the leader. They took it on themselves to get in charge of the game. When this happened, the game fell apart. Think of how this applies to spiritual leaders and followers in our day. It also emphasizes how important it is to be a good follower.

This month we are focusing our attention on becoming stronger leaders. Parents lead, elders lead, older brothers and sisters lead, deacons lead as do teachers and preachers. You may not see yourself as a leader, but rest assured others are watching you. The important thing is for us to never forget the one who is the Leader of all of us.

Isn't it rather amazing what lesson you can learn even as a child which helps you throughout all your life!



By David Sproule

## I Want to Take My Kids!

Raising kids can be fun, difficult, exhausting, exciting, challenging, thrilling, nerve-racking, joyful and rewarding—all wrapped into one wonderful experience. As your kids grow up, there are always certain things you want to do with them and certain places that you want to take them. "When they get old enough, we need to take them here. During the summer, we need to go over there. Before they leave for college, we need to travel there one more time." Where did you always want to take your kids?

It depends on the parents and the kids, but there are always wishes and dreams of varying sizes. Some parents might say: "I want to take my kids to...the playground, the movies, Chick-fil-A, the zoo, the beach, the mountains, Disney, the big game, DC, Alaska, Hawaii, Europe, etc., etc., etc." Why? We want to show them how much we love them! We want to have fun together! We want to make great memories! We want to spend time together!

While growing up, my parents loved to travel. We went all over this country multiple times and drove from West Palm Beach to Alaska two different times. They wanted to take their kids to loads of beautiful and exciting places. And what a blast we all had! But do you know the greatest place

that they wanted to take all of their children? It is, coincidentally, the greatest place that you can take your children! And guess, what? There's good news! It doesn't cost any money! Every single family can afford it! After the tens of thousands of miles that my parents drove all over this country with their kids, the trip that they wanted the most, worked on the most and gave the most to attain was when they decided very early on: "I want to take my kids to heaven!"

**We want to spend time together!**

What trip do you want to take your kids on the most? The only place that matters is whether they get to heaven or not! You can't force them, anymore than Noah could force his boys to get on the ark! But...

You can "take them" if you TEACH them! Teach them about God, about Jesus, about the Bible, about the cross, about the empty tomb, about absolute truth, about the church, about sin, about salvation, about heaven, about hell, about the second coming, about eternity.

You can "take them" if you SHOW them! Show them the joy of being a Christian, the love you have for Christ, the blessing of being in His church, the peace of trusting God, the satisfaction of serving others, the narrow path to eternal life.

Why do I want to take my kids to heaven? To show them how much I love them! To have fun together! To make great memories! To spent time together!



By Josh Blackmer

## The Ephesians, Saved By Grace

It is a popular idea that we are saved by grace alone. “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8-9). This passage in Paul’s letter to the Ephesians is used to support that teaching. What it doesn’t say is that they were saved by grace alone. Further looking into the context reveals a more detailed picture. We can determine from Scripture how they were saved and what was involved in their salvation. By examining the Ephesians, we can understand how people are saved by grace.

Looking at the context of the letter, we see that they heard the word of truth. “In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed” (Eph. 1:13). They heard the message that has the power to save (Rom. 1:16). If one is to be saved by grace, he must hear and learn the gospel in order to know God’s will. This same passage clearly states that they also believed the truth, “having also believed.” They had to hear in order to believe (Rom. 10:17). Believing the truth is essential to salvation (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6; Mark 16:16).

When we look into the context of the New Testament, specifically Acts and the story of their conversion, we

learn more details about the Ephesians. “This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified. Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So, the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing” (Acts 19:17-20). Repentance is “to change one’s mind or purpose” always in the NT, involving a change for the better and repentance from sin, except in Luke 17:3-4. The gospel changed the lives of many in Ephesus. They turned completely in their way of life. Though they had once practiced magical arts, witchcraft, etc., they showed repentance in a bonfire that cost 50,000 pieces of silver.

We see that they were baptized. “When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:5). To be saved by grace, one must be a penitent believer who is then baptized for the remission of sins (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38). Being saved by grace includes being saved by baptism (1 Pet. 3:21). They had to overcome and remain faithful as we do today (Rev. 2:7). Being saved by grace alone is a popular idea. The Ephesians show us that it is not a Biblical concept. Let’s let their example help us in our walk today.

**Grace alone, popular idea but not a Biblical concept.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The “Cone of Uncertainty”

Those who live along a southern coast know about the “Cone of Uncertainty.” It starts to appear as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) tracks a storm system through the tropics. The cone is intended to represent “the probable path of the storm center,” showing its WHERE and WHEN over the next several days (or at least the estimated general area).

Do you wish that the coming of Jesus had a “cone of uncertainty,” which would depict the expected WHERE and WHEN of the Lord’s return? “Well, it looks like He could be here on Friday at 2:00 a.m.” How would that change your life (especially on Thursday)?

The reality is that we know the WHERE – everywhere on earth (1 Thess. 4:3-17; John 5:28-29; Rev. 1:5). So, it doesn’t matter if we’re on the coast, in the mountains or on the prairie. But, the WHEN could be any time! God’s cone shows His impending return...every single day. Have you made all of your preparations? There are no actual cones or warning signs! – DS



“You know what,” some members have been known to say, “that’s just too much. I don’t have time for all of this. This is getting pretty inconvenient. We need to cut back on this church stuff.”

Friends, what are we allowing (and, more accurately, intentionally planning) to dominate our schedules? Even if you added up all of the things mentioned in the first paragraph (and round it up), that might (at the v-e-r-y most) reach 7-8 hours per week for “church stuff.” That’s barely 4% of your week. Friend, is that too much time to give to God? Do you need to cut that back? Let’s each one honestly evaluate (1) how we view “church stuff” and (2) how much we are actually doing for Him. – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	rotator cuff replacement surgery postponed
<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>	Kindred Hospital (no longer in ICU), NO visitors please
<b>Terri Hahn</b>	Gardens Medical Center (room 380), heart stent proc.
<b>Mary A. Jackson</b>	recovering from hip replacement surgery
<b>Kasandra Jones</b>	recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
<b>Judy Lerro</b>	having another outpatient procedure on September 3
<b>Willie Smith</b>	heart ablation surgery on September 18 in Tampa
<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>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, September 1

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

## Monday, September 2

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

## Tuesday, September 3

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

## Sunday, September 8

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Friday, September 13

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. See Ally for her home address.

## Saturday, September 14

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is "*Behind the Mask.*" 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.

## Friday-Sunday, October 11-13

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend** at CFBC for members who are 18 and older. Cost is \$65 per person. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

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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, 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.

## Sunday, September 22

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

## Thursday-Sunday, September 26-29

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** Cost is \$50.

SEPTEMBER:



## To Become a Stronger Leader

*“Imitate me, just as I also **imitate Christ.**” (1 Cor. 11:1)*

*“Let no one despise your youth, but **be an example to the believers** in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Tim. 4:12)*

*“Let your light so shine before men, **that they may see your good works** and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)*

*“Whoever desires to become great among you, **let him be your servant.**” (Matt. 20:26)*

*“When **a man’s ways please the Lord,**  
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.” (Prov. 16:7)*

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

# News & Notes



Sunday,  
August 25

**Hurricane Dorian** is headed toward Florida. Once the path and the timeframe is better known, a decision will be made about services on Sunday. If there is a change to our regular meeting times, members will be notified. Please keep everyone in the path of the storm in your prayers.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Mr. Ryan Bodin; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Ms. Keyana Gardner; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Taylor Johnson; Mr. Colin Cato; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Mr. Rudolph March; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Elie; Miss Janise Paul; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Russell & Susan Beliech, Reeds Spring, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Saul & Becky Ellis, Eustis, FL; Mr. Scott Kelley, Jacob & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew, & Denise Nee, Michelle, & Lucas, Silver Spring, MD; Mr. & Mrs. Erick & Paola Noboa, Eustis, FL; and Miss Jenna Slade, Plantation, FL.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (September 2nd)

Johnny Davis  
Jessica Ramirez  
Nahum Villard

Friday (September 6th)

Derrick Banks

Wednesday (September 3rd)

Gary & Doris Friedly (Ann.)  
Nate Nelson  
Marty Williams

Saturday (September 7th)

Ariana Aristy  
Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Scott Lewis  
Daniel Wagner

Thursday (September 5th)

Chuck & Trish Clark (Ann.)

### 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 1**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Scripture Reading ..... Jim Davis  
Presiding at Table ..... Dan McLeod  
Serve at Table:  
Jordan Beasley Paul Metzkes  
Mike Damron John Patrick  
Errol Gower-Winter Simon Tyson  
Tim Mahlbacher Marty Williams  
Alternates:  
Novel Brown Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
Closing Prayer ..... Freddie Gadson

**Sunday Evening, September 1**

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer ..... Mike Ellis  
Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Lord  
Presiding at Table ..... Jim Rogers  
Josiah Blackmer  
Richard Lerro  
Scott Studer  
Closing Prayer ..... Chris Thompson

**Wednesday Evening, September 4**

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Invitation ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

### Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 25	July Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	229	202
Sun. A.M. Worship	358	314
Sun. P.M. Worship	183	144
Wed. Bible Study	184	160
Contribution	\$15,246	\$14,639
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$6,248		

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier (Head Usher); Gorman Ericksen & Andres Fernandez  
Safety Team for this week: Bob Higbee & Shaun Tyson



# 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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**Phil Sanders**, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:  
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)  
Comcast (channel 7)  
DIRECTV (channel 307)  
DISH (channel 239)



*Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.*

## What Must I Do to Be Saved?

*The Bible says...*

### 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

### 2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

### 3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

### 4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

### 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).