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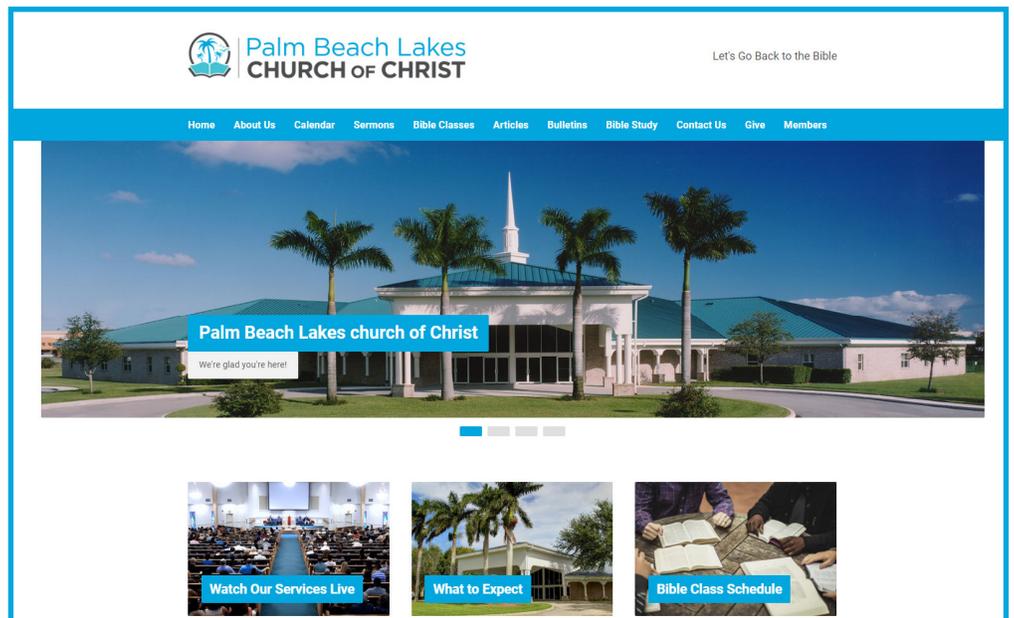


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**2020 VISION:
SEEING WHAT
GOD SEES**



"BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS YOU SEE" LUKE 10:23



By Dan Jenkins

The Source of Our Strength

The ancient practice of an elderly father pronouncing a blessing upon his children is vividly seen when Jacob's children assembled before him in Genesis 49. He called his sons together to "...tell them what shall befall you in the last days" (verse 1). He revealed what lay ahead for them. The Divine record of Jewish history shows God gave Jacob such insight. "And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people."

His words to Joseph are filled with lessons which can help us today. He first talked about Joseph being like a fruitful bough, planted beside a well with branches spreading in every direction. This happened, for when the Jews left Egypt the number of his descendants outnumbered any other tribe.

The spiritual lessons from this blessing come as Jacob looked at all that had happened in Joseph's past. "The archers have bitterly grieved him. Shot at him and hated him. But his bow remained in strength." As Joseph heard these words, he could no doubt recall that day when his own brothers "shot their arrows of hate" as they decided to kill him. That hate was seen again when they sold him for twenty pieces of silver. There were those arrows of hate which came his way when

Potiphar's wife lied about him. They continued as he spent more than a decade in an Egyptian prison.

However, his bow remained in strength. We read the text, but Joseph *lived* the text. As God described Joseph's life, He said, "The Lord was with him" and made whatever he did to prosper (Gen. 39:3, 23). Herein lies the strength for our faithful service to our Master. God is with us!

**Spiritual lessons
come to us by
reading about
Jacob blessing
Joseph**

Look again at the text. "The arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob." The power in his life to overcome trials that came his way was not from his own inward strength. It was from God. Joseph was strong as a teen in Egypt and was strong as he watched his father die. We must learn the lesson that any strength that we have does not come from us but from the Almighty.

Jacob reminded Joseph his help came from the Lord when he further described God. He was the Mighty God of Jacob, the Shepherd and the Stone of Israel (Gen. 49:44). The twenty-third psalm would not be written until a thousand years later, but Jacob and Joseph knew God was the Shepherd. He was the source of strength and comfort. Read Jacob's words and make them part of your soul.

God is the Stone of Israel and He is the Stone of Christians. God help us to be wise enough to build our house on the Rock and not on shifting sand.



By David Sproule

Trusting "in His Own Righteousness"

Ezekiel prophesied to God's people during a very tumultuous time. Israel was falling to Babylon (most were already captive in that pagan land), as a consequence of turning away from God and delving into a life of sin. The prophet was informing the Jews (often in vivid terms) of the reason for their exile and of the future that God had in store for them.

Some of the Israelites questioned God's judgment against them, so Ezekiel dealt with that matter directly. In the great "Watchman Chapter" (which records the final fall of Jerusalem), God's prophet said to God's people, "When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts **in his own** righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die" (33:13).

Note carefully that God was going to allow "the righteous" to "die." Why would He do that? The answer is simple—the righteous put his trust "**in his own** righteousness," which led him/them to commit iniquity against God. The phrase "in his own" is key. Instead of trusting "in God's" righteousness, he had turned to trust "in his own." The folly of such a decision should have been obvious, but he had closed his eyes to God's way. The consequences were disastrous.

Could that happen again today? Could "the righteous" today actually be allowed by God to "die"? It depends on where (i.e., in whom) they place their trust—in God or in themselves. Consider the emphasis that other Scriptures give to the danger of one trusting "**in his own**" ways.

**None of
his righteous
works shall be
remembered**

The book of Judges twice records that during that period in Israel, "everyone did what was right **in his own** eyes" (17:6; 21:25). The book of Proverbs warns repeatedly of the same, stating not only that "Every way of man is right **in his own** eyes" (21:2), but "The way of a fool is right **in his own** eyes" (12:15). Solomon sounds the alert, "Do you see a man wise **in his own** eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him" (26:12). Using a different expression, the wise sage revealed, "There is a way that **seems right** to a man, but its end is the way of death" (14:12; 16:25).

Do you ever follow what **seems right...in your own** eyes? Sometimes we believe that we have a right to see whatever we want to see, think whatever we want to think, go wherever we want to go, say whatever we want to say. If it is right **in our own** eyes, then it must be right. Right? Wrong!

The clear warning of Ezekiel is that even "the righteous" will "die" (eternally), if "he trusts **in his own** righteousness" instead of God's. May God help us to truly submit "to the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:3), and not our own!



By Josh Blackmer

What The Opposition Said

Don't you love it when the bad guy gets caught monologuing? He rambles on about his plan or how much he hates the hero, all the while giving up plot clues and time for the hero to escape. There are three times in the New Testament when enemies of the cause of Christ were caught monologuing. These events were very profound, and in one case, inspired.

After the resurrection of Lazarus, the high priest and the Pharisees were more intent on killing Jesus. They feared what Rome would do if there was a king being raised up in Jerusalem. "But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, 'You know nothing at all, nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish'" (John 11:49-50). John tells us that this was given by inspiration. They thought it meant to kill Jesus. One dies that others might live physically. As one wise person once said, "A prophecy that misread could've been" (Yoda). We know the rest of the story. This was a spiritual concept to pay the debt of sin.

Before the crucifixion Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent (Luke 23:4). Pilate chose to offer up Barabbas, an obviously guilty person, or Jesus to be released. However, the crowd

was stirred up to cry for the Christ's crucifixion. Seeing that they were about to riot, Pilate publicly washed his hands as a sign that Jesus' innocent blood was not on his hands. The crowd cried out, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" (Matt. 27:25). They were yelling that they would gladly accept the guilt for His death, even to the next generation. What they didn't know was how profound that statement was. It is only by that blood that we can be washed (Rev. 7:14). It was by that blood that we were released from our sins (Rev. 1:14). It was with that blood that the we were purchased (Rev. 5:9).

When the apostles began preaching and teaching Christ in Jerusalem, they were reprimanded by the council and told not to preach in Jesus' name (Acts 4:1-22). They did not stop and were later arrested, then freed by an angel (Acts 5:17-20). They were brought before the council again and were about to be killed before Gamaliel intervened. In his speech to the council, he mentions two others that had risen up to lead the people away and how they came to nothing. In his wisdom, Gamaliel encouraged the council to leave the men alone. "If this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God" (Acts 5:38-39). We should be encouraged that today we are still preaching the same message.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Are you the "greatest"?

Everyone wants to be the "greatest." We love it when someone tells us that we're the "greatest cook" or the "greatest friend." We give trophies for the "World's Greatest Teacher" or the "World's Greatest Grandma." Even Jesus' disciples were interested in being the "greatest" (Mark 9:34). What does the Bible have to say about being the "greatest"?

Three key uses of the word "greatest" in the New Testament reveal much to us. Jesus said, "Whoever **humbles** himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:4). Could you be considered the "greatest"? Jesus said, "He who is greatest among you shall be your **servant**" (Matt. 23:11). Could you be considered the "greatest"? Paul revealed, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is **love**" (1 Cor. 13:13). Based upon your personal (and active) demonstration of *agape* love (i.e., unselfish, unconditional elevation of the needs of others), could you be considered the "greatest"?

When it comes to being the "greatest," all that matters is God's evaluation! – DS



The cross is everything!

The Jews and Gentiles were bitter enemies and would not have anything to do with one another. Yet, God had an "eternal" plan, once kept as a "mystery" to Himself, but then revealed through Christ. That mystery was that "the Gentiles" were to be "fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ" (Eph. 3:6). How in the world was God going to break down "the middle wall of separation" between Jews and Gentiles and "abolish the enmity" between them (2:14-15)? There was only one thing powerful enough to do that!

"Through the cross" of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:16)—upon which He gave "His flesh" (2:15) and shed His "blood" (2:13)—did Christ Himself "reconcile [Jews and Gentiles] both to God in one body...thereby putting to death the enmity" (2:16).

Think about it. What could bring about reconciliation between the bitterest enemies today? Only one thing is powerful enough—the cross of Jesus Christ! Let's preach it! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks	recovering at home
Skye Brown	recovering from surgery on broken arm
Victor Colage	four crushed vertebrae in his lower back
Betty Davis	at home and slowly improving
James Green	broke his shoulder and may need surgery
Shirley Hopkins	at home and slowly improving
Sandy Mann	recovering from elbow surgery
Robert Mariano	having two kidney stones removed on Jan. 13
Janice Osborne	scheduled for a CAT scan on Jan. 9
Winifred Patterson	recovering from cataract surgery, next one is Jan. 14
Connye Plouffe	undergoing rehab on her leg
Mary Reeves	Jupiter Medical Center, recovering from neck/back surg.
Linda Studer	doing a little better, still having chemo every 3 weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Karen Bibbee	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Leigh Puckett
Dianne Frye	Les Sawyer
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Patricia Ventress



David Brown, upon the passing of his mother, Margaret Brown, on Wednesday, January 8.

Josie Dawson, upon the passing of her brother, Farrell Thoni, on Sunday, January 5.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Janie Floren	Josie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancer
Ann Freseman	Gardens Court Rehab (room 221), fell & fractured hip
Difical Geffrard	Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized last week
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, now has cancer in his spine

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, January 12

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

Saturday, January 18

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Tuesday, January 21

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

Sunday, January 26

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. *Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!*
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, February 1

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with brunch following the lesson. Saundra Morgan will be speaking on "Let Your Light Shine." RSVP by January 25.

Sunday, February 2

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

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ◆ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Cost is \$40. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, February 8

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Gifford** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bessie Lorenzo will be speaking on "A Rose Among Daisies."

Sunday, February 9

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Tuesday, January 14

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crofts.

Sunday, January 26

- ◆ **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.

Saturday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip.** Cost is \$25 per person. Deadline to pay is Sunday, January 12. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, January 12

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

Friday-Monday, January 17-20

- ◆ **Winter Camp at CFBC.** Cost is \$60 per person. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, January 19

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Lawrence & Julie Williams. Bring snacks and drinks. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, January 26

- ◆ **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.

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip.** Cost is \$25 per person. Deadline to pay is Sunday, January 12.

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January	SEE SOULS	<i>"Seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10)</i>
February	SEE POTENTIAL	<i>"See the end intended by the Lord" (Jas. 5:11)</i>
March	SEE THE CROSS	<i>"Looking unto Jesus" (Heb. 12:2)</i>
April	SEE THE EMPTY TOMB	<i>"See the place where they laid Him" (Mark 16:6)</i>
May	SEE DANGERS	<i>"See then that you walk circumspectly" (Eph. 5:15)</i>
June	SEE OPPORTUNITIES	<i>"Lift up your eyes and look" (John 1:35)</i>
July	SEE THE JUDGMENT	<i>"Behold, the Judge is standing at the door" (Jas. 5:9)</i>
August	SEE THE BIBLE	<i>"My eyes fail from searching Your Word" (Ps. 119:82)</i>
September	SEE BRETHREN	<i>"Look out for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:4)</i>
October	SEE SIN	<i>"Watch yourselves carefully" (Deut. 2:4)</i>
November	SEE HEAVEN	<i>"Seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1)</i>
December	SEE PROVIDENCE	<i>"Look at the birds of the air" (Matt. 6:26)</i>

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
January 5



I want to thank everyone at PBL for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, texts, hospital visits, etc. I'm very grateful for you and thank God for you and love you. So glad I can see the services on the internet.

Karen Bibbee

The King family wishes to express deep appreciation to our church family for your prayers, visits, calls, and all other expressions of love and kindness shown during our bereavement.

The Freddie King, Sr. family
Matthew, Nadia, Kahla & Barbara King

Thank you, church, for all your prayers, condolences, cards, and concern for the passing of my brother, Pat.

Jerry Pittman

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Gabriel Cutrer; Mr. Jamie Flores; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. John Judd; Mr. Colin Kato; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Jean Pieros; Mr. & Mrs. Carlos & Angela Romero; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Mr. Rick Tibbetts.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Thelma Batchelor, Pensacola, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Jan Hamlen, Valdosta, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Clint & Jennifer Harris & family, Paragould, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Kim Jackson, Duncan, SC; Mr. Jack Joy, Artesia, NM; Scott, Jacob, & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas; Ms. Jayne Morrison, Boca Raton, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Kris & Katlyn Rodgers, Maryville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Beverly Strange, Valdosta, GA; Mr. Leslie Szakacs, Parkland, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Angie Vanderwende, Maryville, TN.



Sunday (January 12th)
Barbara King

Tuesday (January 14th) cont.
Cindy Nelson

Tuesday (January 14th)
Mary Coombs
Robin Davis

Saturday (January 18th)
Terry Denton

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, January 12

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer John Loftis
Scripture Reading..... Joe Maloney
Presiding at Table Gary Jenkins
Serve at Table:
Derrick Banks Chad Morgan
Chuck Clark Taylor Reeves
Dion Hayes Jim Rogers
Bill Ingram, Jr. Tyler Williams
Alternates:
Nate Nelson Richard Watson
Closing Prayer Andy Anderson

Sunday Evening, January 12

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Simon Tyson
Scripture Reading..... Daniel Wagner
Presiding at Table..... Jeff Leslie
Josiah Blackmer
Jeremy Maloney
Nick Pietro
Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Wednesday Evening, January 15

Lead Singing Josiah Blackmer
Invitation..... Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 5	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	229	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	332	305
Sun. P.M. Worship	158	135
Wed. Bible Study	174	153
Contribution	\$16,454	\$15,807

2020 Weekly Budget: TBD
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD

Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks (Head Usher); Jordan Beasley & Kevin Weeks
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall & 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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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).