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Plans for Sunday, May 24 at PBL



Online Bible Classes

8:45 a.m.

Zoom Bible Classes for Grades 5 & Under

9:15 a.m.

Zoom Bible Class for Jr. High & Sr. High
Livestream Webcast Bible Class for Adults

Worship Together at the Building

11:00 a.m.*

Worship: **Last Names: A thru F**

4:30 p.m.

Worship: **Last Names: G thru M**

6:00 p.m.

Worship: **Last Names: N thru Z**

Please worship at your allotted time.

Please arrive 10 minutes before your worship time and do not linger afterwards.

Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.

If you feel at risk or may pose a risk to others, it is ok to stay home for now.

** The 11:00 a.m. worship (and 9:15 class) will be webcast live from our website.*



By Dan Jenkins

Nighty Night, Sleep Tight

“Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go to wake him up” (John 11:11). You know this story and understand what Jesus meant, but His disciples failed to comprehend it. Lazarus was so sick that his sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus. Judging by their words which both of them spoke—“Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died”—the message was sent as a plea to Jesus to come to heal him.

Jesus was not in Judea but likely in Galilee, many miles away. However, Jesus did not immediately rush to go to Bethany. He waited two days before even starting His journey. Obviously the disciples knew of the message and said to Jesus, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” They did not know that Jesus was speaking of the sleep of death.

The comparison between sleep and death can bring so much comfort to us. It should not surprise us that our God devoted an entire chapter in the Bible to help us see the parallel. Our view of death is changed when we compare it to sleep.

Sleep is peaceful and not painful. While, as death approaches our bodies may be filled with pain, there comes that time when there is a release and the transition takes place. Think about how this parallels sleep. We may toss and turn as we lie down, but ultimately the time comes when we lay aside

all that troubles us and fall asleep, leaving all those troubles behind. Throughout His life Jesus had fallen asleep and on the cross He “slept” again, leaving all troubles behind when He said, “Father into your hands I commit My spirit.” There is a peace that comes when we sleep and there is the final peace which comes when we die.

There is hope in sleep and there is hope in death. Why do we set an alarm each evening? Because we have an expectation of waking up. The same is true in death, for we expect to literally hear Jesus’ voice to awaken us, based upon what He said to His disciples: “The hour is coming in which all that are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth” (John 5:28-29).

As a child the first prayer I learned was this prayer. “Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.” I thank God that my mom and dad taught this to me, but my understanding is so much deeper now. I then understood about laying down to sleep, but I was not able to grasp all that is involved in asking Him to take my soul in death. I did not know about the angels who took another Lazarus to Abraham’s bosom (Luke 16:22). I did not fear going to sleep, nor do I need to fear death.

There are so many other parallels between sleep and dying. Think about them. It will change your view of death.

There are many parallels between sleep and death. Think about them.



By David Sproule

Think About This Before I Act (Part 1)

Have you ever done something without thinking about it first? The obvious answer is that we all have. Multiple times. Of course, some things we just do automatically without giving it a single thought—like putting on our seatbelts. Some things we do instinctively—like trying to catch someone who starts to fall in front of us. There isn’t any forethought to actions like these—it’s just the way we’ve trained ourselves to respond.

But, there are other kinds of actions that do allow for some forethought and consideration before actually engaging in them. Of course, the range of the variety of these kinds of actions is extensive—such as, how I respond to a hateful message, what words I allow to escape from my mouth or my typing fingers, whether I choose to drink or lie or steal or gamble, what I do with my free time, who I befriend, who I marry, etc.

Whatever the action may be, there are some considerations that we should have before we engage in them. First, let us consider this all-important question: **How will this affect my relationship with God?** In all of the questions we may ask, there is none more important than this.

If I take this action, will God be pleased? My goal in life should be to “walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing

Him” (Col. 1:10). As we consider some action, it would be wise to ask, “Am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God?” (Gal. 1:10).

If I take this action, will I be violating the revealed will of God? The Bible truly is “a lamp to my feet” (Psa. 119:105), and without it, I would have no idea what the will of God is (1 Cor. 2:10-13). Thus, I must be careful, in all I do, to “not turn aside to the right hand or to the left” (Deut. 5:32).

If I take this action, will it separate me from God, because it is a sin? Is what I am considering doing worth risking my soul (Matt. 10:28) and worth eternal separation from God in hell (Rom. 6:23)?

If I take this action, will it lead me to additional sinful actions? Jesus said that “whoever commits sin is a slave of sin” (John 8:34), for once I “let sin reign” in me, I will “obey it in its lusts” (Rom. 6:12) and give in to more sin. I need to stop the first one before it leads to more sin!

If I take this action, do I foresee that I will then need to ask for forgiveness? If I commit some sinful action with the plan to later ask God to forgive me, the Bible calls that (among other things) sinning “willfully,” for which a “fearful expectation of judgment” awaits (Heb. 10:26-27).

I need to ask myself, “What about me and God?”

How will this affect my relationship with God?



By Josh Blackmer

Who Am I?

This might be a question we have asked ourselves. In a quiet moment, alone with our thoughts. Maybe in a crowded place watching others. At some point we have had this conversation. How did it go? Was it a compilation of achievements? Was it a stroll through significant memories that shaped you? Perhaps it was a slideshow of all your faults and mistakes. Here are some things that do not define us.

We are not our jobs. That thing that we do to pay the bills is not who we are. It is among the first questions we ask new people we meet. It becomes the information that others use to pigeon hole us, but it is not who we are.

We are not our hobbies. Those things that occupy much of our free time and devotion. Others look at us and say he/she is a painter, sculptor artist, hunter, fisher, and the list goes on. More information used to help put us in a comfortable spot in the minds of others. Yet, we are not our hobbies.

We are not the sum of life's circumstances. I happened to be born on a certain continent. In a certain nation. With a certain skin tone. Into a certain family. In a certain economic status. I am not what life has thrown at me. While I may use those as part of my identity, I also may choose to absorb

the cultural norms that are associated with those items. They are still not who I am.

We are not the sum of all our achievements. There are those that have a mental and/or physical trophy hall. They walk through it from time to time to remind themselves. Trophies earned, accolades received, plaques that have been presented all out on display. Look at me! But still, that is not who we are.

Others might have a darker hall. One where they keep all the failures. All the mistakes. All the times they have been berated, reprimanded, chastised are on display. Ready to be played again. To remind them that they are the sum of their failures. These failures hang around the neck. Little do they know, that is not who they are.

We are not even this body that we are in. We are a consciousness (mind/soul). We interact with the created world through the body that we were born into. God has given us the free will to choose how to respond to Him. Will we obey? Will we live within the parameters set for the body that we were given? If we rebel and are disobedient, we choose to use this higher form for a baser purpose. If we look at identity as the world does, we limit the beauty of what God has made us to be. God has shown us a way to live and identify ourselves. Anything else is lesser and base in comparison.

God has shown us a way to live and identify ourselves.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Can never do anything right

How many spouses have been told, "You can never do anything right"? How many children have been told, "You can never do anything right?" Such words are crushing! And while those exact words may not ever be spoken, a person's attitude and constant criticism can send that message loud and clear to another.

Sitting in the critic's chair is easy to do—whether that's in marriage, in the home, in the workplace, in the church, or anywhere else. Pointing the finger and suggesting that someone doesn't know what they're doing can make the critic feel accomplished and the recipient feel like a failure.

What if we all made a conscious effort to praise more than we criticize? What if we all endeavored to be strength-seekers instead of fault-finders? What a difference it could be to "build up one another" (1 Thess. 5:11), rather than "bite and devour one another" (Gal. 5:15)! – DS



Only the Scripture will do!

How can we convince people to follow God? How can we attract people to our church? How can we reach the people who seem to be the toughest to reach?

What if we could do the unimaginable? What if we could do the most difficult of all miracles? What if we could raise someone from the dead? Now that would get people's attention! Right?

In Luke 16, there was a man who thought that a person raised from the dead would be the very thing to convince his five brothers to change the course of their lives and turn to God. He was wrong! Abraham told him simply, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (16:29). In other words, "Let them heed the Scriptures!" When the man pressed the issue, Abraham doubled down, telling him that if they do not heed the Scriptures, nothing else would matter (16:31). You see, only the Scripture will do! If we ever, ever stray from teaching the Scripture and using it as our only "drawing power," God will not bless us in our efforts, and then...nothing else will matter! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	undergoing chemo & radiation for lung cancer
David Brown	has a bulging disc in his back and is in a lot of pain
Chuck Clark	recovering at home from the infection in his finger
Betty Davis	undergoing some medical tests
Annie Faison	in JFK Hospital, recovering from a seizure
Joe Holland	still in the VA Hospital, being treated for an infection
Ophelia Holmes	still dealing with a lot of pain
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	dealing with severe back pain and is very weak
Connie Plouffe	out of rehab and staying with her daughter
Betty Sanders	is doing better and is now at home
Dorothy Savage	recovering at home
Linda Studer	having chemo treatments every three weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



the family of Hattie Daniels, who passed away on Thursday, May 21.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, still dealing with Alzheimer's
Lucious Davis	Tonya Ross' father, diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
Rena DeV Vaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, recovering from a procedure
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Veronica Gager	Edward Gager's mother, under Hospice Care
Difficile Geffrard	Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized with complications
Monica Pacheco	Joyce Parker's daughter, radiation for breast cancer
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine
Terry West	Amy West's father, recovering at home
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, recovering from brain surgery

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

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, May 24

- ◆ **Zoom Bible Class for Grades 5 & Under** at 8:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Zoom Bible Class for Jr. High & Sr. High** at 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ **Online Bible Class for Adults** at 9:15 a.m. Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."
- ◆ **Worship Together at the Building** during your allotted time.

11:00 a.m.	Last Names: A thru F
4:30 p.m.	Last Names: G thru M
6:00 p.m.	Last Names: N thru Z
- ◆ **Communion:** For those who are still unable to attend worship services, the Lord's Supper will be available to pick up from the church (Monday-Friday). Please call ahead and it will be ready for you.

Wednesday, May 27

- ◆ **Online Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live." A link to the handout/chart is available in your Family News email or email the office (office@pblcoc.org).

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, May 31

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Wednesday, June 10

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Casey (West Broward) will be speaking on *"Comfort in the Loss of a Loved One."*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Tuesday, June 2

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

Friday, June 5

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

Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, May 24

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).

8:45 a.m.	Grades 5 & Under Bible Classes
9:15 a.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Class

Wednesday, May 27

- ◆ **Wednesday Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).

6:30 p.m.	Grades 5 & Under Bible Classes
7:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Class

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 b Austin Williams b Cynthia Ingraham b Melinda Price b Travis Johnson	2 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Ken & Connie Tipton	3 b Daniel Swayne b Jenny Jordan b Sabrina Clayton	4	5 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Haley Hall b Lance Collier b Shirley Hopkins	6 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Young Adult Devo a Andy & Letha Anderson b Sandy DeVall
7 a David & Daisy Lord b Maria Hackshaw b Ted Friesner	8 b Maggie Dozier	9 a Casey & Aisha Commander a Scott & Linda Studer a Stephen & Carolina Beliech b Namdidie Ikon	10 ☆ "Kick Start Your Summer" Series with Terry Casey a Bill & Gai Ingram b Amberdenise Puckett b Errol Gower-Winter b Kinsey Hayes b Phylona Patterson	11 b Betsy Donahue b Richard Watson	12	13 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Summer BBQ for Grades 5 & Under a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins b Squadeina Ross b Taylor Price
14 ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Jeff & Diane Leslie	15 a Gary & Sue Shelt b Rosemarie Joseph	16 b Ally Alberga b Michael Fox	17 ☆ "Kick Start Your Summer" Series with Terry Frizzell b Mary Jackson b Nyla Hackshaw	18 a Dan & Judie Jenkins	19 a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Gwen Lyons b Judy Carmack	20 a Cam & Hollie Crotts a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson
VBS Decorating Nights (June 17th-19th)						
21 a Ivan & Amber Villard b Eddie Gooden	22	23 a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon b Les Sawyer	24	25 a Tom & Rose Martens	26	27 a Joe & Marian Holland
Vacation Bible School at PBL (June 21st-24th)						
28 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo b Cam Crotts b Cheryl Milton	29 b Dorothy Savage b Steven Livergood	30 a Edward & Ellen Gager b Adrienne Banks				

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (May 24th)
Nate & Cindy Nelson (Ann.)

Tuesday (May 26th)
Ramon & Ashley Alfaro (Ann.)
Lawrence & Julie Williams (Ann.)
Gloria Boyd
Helen Chapman
Bob Higbee

Wednesday (May 27th)
Bob & Sandi Hanna (Ann.)
Tamara Jean-Baptiste

Thursday (May 28th)
Margie Hardin
Peggy Simpkins
Gorgeous Symonette

Friday (May 29th)
Grace Judge

Saturday (May 30th)
Dianne Halenda
Jené Williams

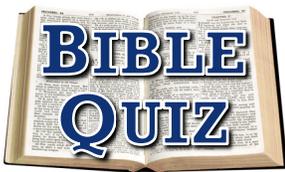
Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 17

LOCAL VISITOR: Mr. Andrew Kish (Palm Beach Gardens).



Directory Changes



“Ten” Bible Questions

1. Which “enemy of the Jews” had his TEN sons called by name and killed (Esther 9:10)? _____
2. Wisdom provides strength more than TEN what (Ecclesiastes 7:19)? _____
3. What changed by TEN degrees as a sign to Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:8-11)? _____
4. What TEN mostly-ungrateful men did Jesus heal on His way to Jerusalem (Luke 17:11-19)? _____
5. Nebuchadnezzar found Daniel and his friends TEN times wiser than who (Daniel 1:20)? _____
6. What cities would God have spared for TEN righteous souls (Genesis 18:32)? _____
7. What two men died at one hundred and TEN years of age (Genesis 50:22; Judges 2:8)? _____
8. Besides the silver, what TEN things did Naaman take to meet Elisha (2 Kings 5:5)? _____
9. What TEN things was David to take up to the battle (1 Samuel 17:17-18)? _____
10. What TEN things were made for the tabernacle from blue, purple and scarlet thread (Exodus 36:8)? _____

Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes will be online. All worship services this week will be at the church building.
The 11:00 a.m. worship (and 9:15 class) will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, May 24

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Online Bible Classes for Sun, May 24

8:45 a.m. Zoom Children’s Bible Class
9:15 am. .. Zoom Bible Class (Grades 6-12)
9:15 a.m. Online Bible Class for Adults

Online Bible Classes for Wed, May 27

6:30 p.m. Zoom Children’s Bible Class
7:00 pm. .. Zoom Bible Class (Grades 6-12)
7:00 p.m. Online Bible Class for Adults

Our Record

Attendance	May 17	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	NA	NA
Sun. Worship	120	NA
Wed. Bible Study	NA	NA
Contribution	\$14,786	\$15,645
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,517		

Communion: For those who are still unable to attend worship services, the Lord’s Supper will be available to pick up from the church (Monday-Friday). Please call ahead.



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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).