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## Welcome New Members



**Patrick, John**

Group 2

*Baptized May 20*



**Bound, David**

Group 2

*Baptized May 29*



**Gerber, Glenn & Ashley**

Group 2

*Identified June 10*



**Wagner, Daniel**

Group 4

*Identified June 17*



By Dan Jenkins

## Six Months of Indoctrination Before Baptism—Why?

Jim Rogers, a member at Palm Beach Lakes, and I recently had a study which he set up with individuals knocking doors near his home. One of the reasons for the study was that this man who Jim was talking to (let's call him "Stephen") volunteered they spend six months studying with potential members before they baptize them. "Stephen" agreed to study with Jim, just looking at the book of Acts to see what the Bible taught about this practice.

The study began with "Stephen" saying that the time was often as long as a year. He said that when one "accepted Christ" they began their study. Jim showed him that on the day of Pentecost those individuals heard just one sermon and that same day 3,000 were baptized. He also showed that people were daily becoming part of the church which began on that day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41, 47). No waiting.

The study then moved to looking at other conversions in Acts. In chapter eight, the Ethiopian hearing one sermon on Jesus stopped his chariot to be baptized. No waiting.

Later in the study, "Stephen" said that the purpose of baptism was to publicly let the world know of the commitment a believer had made. How could this be when the baptisms of Cornelius (Acts 10), the jailor at Philippi (Acts 16) and the apos-

tle Paul (Acts 22) were done immediately after just one study session and were done in private places?

The procedure in the religious movement "Stephen" is part of is to take months and months indoctrinating those to be baptized. "Stephen" described the practice to Jim of the candidate appearing before church leaders (the number of leaders mentioned by "Stephen" was three), and there are nearly a hundred questions which must be answered correctly.

If one does not answer them right, then the indoctrination continues.

"Stephen" struggled to deal with the fact that the Bible shows that baptism in Acts 2 was for the remission of sins of those who killed Jesus. Why would they wait? What if the early church had a pre-baptism procedure that lasted for months? At the end of the study, "Stephen" said that it is true that in the first century there never was a delay, but that simply was not the way his organization did it. He had no answer when we asked him by whose authority was this change made which jeopardized the eternal destiny of one seeking salvation?

I asked "Stephen" had he ever, even one time, told anyone to "Arise and be baptized to wash away your sins" (see Acts 22:16), and he said never. God's plan is so simple—go preach, and he who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:15-16).

**There was no delay in God's plan. Who changed that plan?**



By David Sproule

## Let's Talk About Hate

The topic of hate generates all sorts of thoughts and emotions. Unfortunately, we are living in a culture right now that is engulfed in bitter, bitter hatred. And, as much as some might try to rationalize their hatred for certain individuals, there is nothing rational about people hating people.

How is a Christian to live in this kind of environment? Too often we "get sucked in" and begin to imitate the behavior (and the hatred) that we see around us. Is it ok for a Christian to hate someone else? In all things we are to "be imitators of God" (Eph. 5:1), so let's examine the matter of hate from God's perspective. Does God hate anyone? Did He ever?

One would be hard-pressed to successfully teach with the Bible that God hates any person. BUT, does that mean that God does not "hate" at all? Quite the contrary. The Bible teaches that God hates "every abomination" (Deut. 12:31; Jer. 44:4), "evil" (Prov. 6:18), idolatry (Deut. 16:21-22; Rev. 2:6, 15), "wickedness" (Psa. 45:7; Heb. 1:9), "iniquity" (Psa. 5:5), pride (Prov. 6:17), "lying" (Prov. 6:17), murder (Prov. 6:17), "wicked plans" (Prov. 6:18), "a false oath" (Zech. 8:17; Prov. 6:19), "divorce" (Mal. 2:16), etc.

Notice carefully that it is the act, the deed, the intent that God hates. For example, Scripture teaches that God hates

"divorce," but it never teaches that God hates one who is divorced. God hates sin and evil, because it is contrary to His holy nature (Isa. 6:3; 1 Pet. 1:16). But the Bible just as clearly teaches that God loves sinners (Rom. 5:8; John 3:16), to the extent that He sent His own Son to die for them. That's not hate! That's love (1 John 4:10)—even toward the worst sinners who have ever lived!

The Bible very plainly makes the same distinction for followers of God. We are also to hate "evil" (Psa. 97:10; Prov. 8:13; Amos 5:15), "every false way" (Psa. 119:104, 128), "lying" (Psa. 119:163; Prov. 13:5), "pride" (Prov. 8:13), "arrogance" (Prov. 8:13), "the perverse mouth" (Prov. 8:13), etc. But in no Bible passage are children of God called upon or permitted to hate anyone! Hate sin? Yes! Hate evil and wickedness in every form? Yes! Hate a person made in the image of God? No! There's no Bible for that!

Rather, the child of God is to follow the example of God, even (and especially) in this respect. Rather than hate anyone, we are to "love" everyone (Matt. 5:44). That love is not merely in word or thought (1 John 3:18), but is demonstrated when we "do good to" and "pray for" all men (Matt. 5:44; Gal. 6:10). Brethren, we cannot hate someone and claim to be "of God" (1 John 2:9, 11; 3:15; 4:20)! As children of God, we must conform ourselves to the image of our God!

**Brethren, we cannot hate someone and claim to be "of God"!**



By Josh Blackmer

## Your Image of Jesus

This question may not matter to you. I believe we are at liberty to choose within the options the Bible provides. What is your image of Jesus? There are a lot of artists who have depicted Him. The images have taken on the aspects of the particular culture in which they were created. Most of them have an eye pleasing, peaceful, angelic image of Him, which is contrary to Isaiah’s prophecy (53:2). Some depict Him with sheep, some with children and some on the cross, all of which happened at some time and all of which speak to His earthly appearance. What if I told you there was another way to look at Jesus the Christ?

The apostle John writes more about the image and person of the Christ than any other apostle. It is John that writes about His origin, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). It is John who records Jesus’ seven “I Am” statements: “Bread of life” (6:48), “Light of the world” (8:12), “the Door” (10:7), “the Good Shepherd” (10:11), “the Way, the Truth and the Life” (14:6), and “the True Vine” (15:1). In the gospel of John (21:12-14) and in his first letter (1:1-4), John makes it clear that the resurrected Jesus was not a ghost but the real living person of Jesus. With so much being written by John about the presage of the Christ, it is no wonder that he

would be the one to record the most powerful images of the exalted Savior.

When John was on the Isle of Patmos, the visions that he was shown of heaven and things that “must soon take place” (Revelation 1:1) included imagery of the Exalted Christ. In the opening chapter of Revelation, John records what he sees of Jesus: voice like thunder or many waters (1:10,15), clothed in a robe with golden sash (1:13), hair like white wool (1:14), eyes like fire (1:14), feet like molten bronze (1:15), two-edged sword for a tongue (1:16), and His face shown like the sun (1:16). This was such an impressive sight that John fell down as though he was dead. Jesus comforts John and tells him to write to the seven churches of Asia. Jesus opens these letters with a description of Himself, some of which comes from John’s vision of Him. It is important to note that

Jesus would use the imagery of His exalted form to address these letters. It is this form that would impress upon them the changes they needed to make. It was this form that would encourage those congregations suffering persecution. If you were under the thumb of an abusive government, who would you want as your Savior? A nice looking guy holding a sheep or the exalted King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16)? Tremble and repent at the thought of Him who has the eyes of flaming fire. Take courage and fight with the One who judges and wages war.

**Who would you want as your Savior?**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Would you like to never die? Here’s how.

On the one hand, the Bible teaches that “it is appointed unto men once to die” (Heb. 9:27). The physical death of the physical body is a certainty for all of us. But did you know that Jesus taught a way to “never die”? Would you like to know it? At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus said, “Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:26). What did He mean by that?

When someone’s body dies, that is just the “tent” (2 Pet. 1:13-14) in which he was living. At death, “the spirit” does not expire but leaves the body for another realm (Jas. 2:26; Luke 16:22-23). What happens to that spirit at the moment of physical death is determined by the faith and life of the individual. John taught, “He who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:17).

For a faithful Christian who “believes” and “does the will of God” in this life, death of the physical body is simply a transition from life on this earth to life in a much better place. He will keep right on living (i.e., never dying spiritually) and now in the presence of God! – DS



### Rest your faith and your hope in Jesus!

How many Christians have fallen away and left the Lord over the years? What percentage of those who have fallen away and left the church do you suppose have done so because of what a fellow Christian did to them or because of what a fellow Christian did not do for them?

People let us down. And, unfortunately, our fellow Christians are not immune from that statement. Our fellow Christians let us down. They say things they shouldn’t say. They do things they shouldn’t do. OR, they don’t say things or don’t do things that we think they should or when we think they should do them.

And we let this affect us...sometimes too much!

If we rest our faith and hope on our fellow Christians, our faith and hope are going to fluctuate big time and potentially crash and burn. May I appeal to each Christian to not allow others to determine your level of faith or faithfulness to the Lord and His church. Rather, let us ensure that our “faith and hope are in God” (1 Pet. 1:21). He won’t let us down!!! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	scheduled for open heart surgery on July 18
<b>Novel Brown</b>	trouble with his leg
<b>Chuck Clark</b>	diagnosed with prostate cancer
<b>Eva Fulton</b>	dealing with a lot of pain
<b>Zula Garrett</b>	back at home and doing some better
<b>Terri Hahn</b>	scheduled for eye surgery
<b>Joe Holland</b>	back at home and doing some better
<b>Dan Jenkins</b>	recovering from cataract surgery
<b>Marcia Kelley</b>	having another cataract surgery on July 16
<b>Robert Mariano</b>	recovering from squamous cell carcinoma procedure
<b>Silas Moses</b>	Nursing Home section of the VA Hospital (room L131)
<b>Jackie Price</b>	dealing with abdominal pain
<b>Norman Smedley</b>	recovering from a fall and other health issues
<b>Linda Studer</b>	two cancerous lymph nodes will be treated without surg
<b>Connie Tipton</b>	neck surgery at Jupiter Medical Center on July 13
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	now at home, facing throat surgery

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Sandra Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Josie Dawson	Deidra Miley
Cora Lee Dennis	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Silas Moses
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Janet Hickerson	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Edward Bass</b>	Henry Bass' brother, stage 4 cancer
<b>Diane Colby</b>	Joyce Parker's sister, recovering from heart stent surgery
<b>Carmen Damron</b>	Mike Damron's wife, chemo and radiation treatments
<b>Tim Deem</b>	Allison Roman's brother, diagnosed with prostate cancer
<b>Delores McGee</b>	Victor Colage's mother, has blood clots and brain bleed
<b>Jacklyn Modery</b>	Sharon Reitz's sister, complications from recent back surg

**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, July 15

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Pew Packers** at 5:40 p.m. in the Auditorium.

## Monday, July 16

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

## Tuesday, July 17

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

## Sunday-Saturday, July 22-28

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC** for ages 10-18. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org). See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

## Sunday, July 29

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Austin Metzkes & Holly Richmond** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Bed, Beth & Beyond and Target.

## Sunday, August 5

- ♦ **Bible Class with Joe Wells** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

## Wednesday-Sunday, August 8-12

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday-Saturday). Jeff Wilson from Houston, TX and Dave Schmidt from Fort Myers, FL will be speaking.

## Sunday, August 12

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **Second Sunday: "What Does God Expect of Me?"**

9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks.

## Friday-Sunday, August 17-19

- ♦ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** Cost is \$90. Visit [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org) for more details.

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

## Tuesday, July 17

- ♦ **Young Adult Bowling** at 7:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Sunday-Saturday, July 22-28

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org). See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

## Tuesday, August 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Rachel Fuller for details.

## Friday, August 10

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

## Saturday, August 11

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



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## Sunday, July 15

- ♦ **Pew Packers** at 5:40 p.m. in the Auditorium.

## Sunday-Saturday, July 22-28

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## Saturday, August 4

- ♦ **Charged By Christ with Joe Wells** for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth from 9:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person (includes bowling). Please RSVP by emailing [office@pblcoc.org](mailto:office@pblcoc.org).

## Friday, August 10

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

# Bind Us Together

## The Personal Responsibility



The following suggestions were submitted by members in a Wednesday class of things we can all do to bind us together even closer as a church family:

1. Pray for one another
2. Help those in need
3. Be kind to one another
4. Read and study the Bible together
5. Visit each other in our homes
6. Visit the sick and others who are in need
7. Get together for the purpose of prayer
8. Older members "adopt" younger members
9. Speak to members at services, especially ones you don't know
10. Make it a priority to be at every service and church activity
11. Find ways to encourage one another
12. Spend more time in fellowship with one another
13. Arrive to services early to meet and greet each other
14. Stay after services to meet and greet each other
15. Sit in a different part of the auditorium
16. Be hospitable and invite each other into our homes
17. Make encouraging phone calls
18. Send short messages of encouragement to each other
19. Listen
20. Lend a helping hand to others
21. Forgive one another
22. Exhibit unconditional compassion
23. Find ways to work together in the church
24. Visit widows and shut-ins
25. Share a meal together
26. Get to know things that we have in common and enjoy
27. Be friendly and loving at all times
28. Sit with someone who is by himself/herself at services
29. Find ways to help each other with various problems in our lives
30. Let others know that we are praying for them
31. Invite someone to dinner
32. Send encouraging words throughout the week
33. Go to church every time the doors are open
34. Send cards to cheer others up
35. Smile and be friendly
36. Have coffee together
37. Let those who miss services know that they are missed
38. Have genuine concern for one another
39. Conduct Bible studies together with non-Christians
40. Spend time together
41. Pray together
42. Get to know each other
43. Resolve conflict, following God's directions
44. Invite several members over for dinner and games

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



Sunday  
July 8

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Tasha Bridgett; Miss LaShae Brown; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Evette Cooper; Mr. Erik Estepa; Miss Hazel Hackshaw; Ms. Jennifer King; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Mr. Terry West.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Myrick & Cynthia Bassie, Columbus, GA; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mr. David Findley, NY; Miss Lauren Fuller, Savannah, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Megan Okolichany, Lake Park, GA; Miss Amber Okolichany, Valdosta, GA; Mr. Ben Patterson; Ms. Glennette Richardson, Charlotte, NC; and Ms. Christine Symonette, Port St. Lucie, FL.



Sunday (July 15th)

Robert & Norma Mariano (Ann.)

Wednesday (July 18th) cont.

Marian Holland

Monday (July 16th)

Bonnie Arthur  
Astrid Beliech  
Hattie Daniels  
Jim Davis

Thursday (July 19th)

David & Traci Sproule (Ann.)  
Jeff Leslie

Friday (July 20th)

Gorman Ericksen

Wednesday (July 18th)

Chuck & Marisa Reeves (Ann.)  
Carolina Beliech

Saturday (July 21st)

Kirk & Mendy Crews (Ann.)  
Sandy Mann



Somehow, just saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. But I hope you know how much your kindness has meant to me. At a time when I lost my "mother," it's so comforting to have a group of friends for emotional and spiritual support.

In His love,  
Carol Hardman and family

**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, July 15**

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Novel Brown  
Scripture Reading..... Jim Davis  
Presiding at Table ..... Dick Kelley  
Serve at Table:  
Jordan Beasley     Jeremy Maloney  
Greg Bland         Rick Price  
Mike Damron       Vincent Rogers  
Edward Gager       Marty Williams  
Alternates:  
Brent Leslie         Richard Watson  
Closing Prayer .....Rick Hall

**Sunday Evening, July 15**

Lead Singing ..... Ken Tipton  
Opening Prayer ..... Jimmie Banks  
Scripture Reading..... Heath Johnson  
Presiding at Table..... Dan McLeod  
Glen Dawson  
Simon Tyson  
Leonard Williams  
Closing Prayer .....David Lord  
**Wednesday Evening, July 18**  
Lead Singing..... Max Fonrose  
Invitation.....Jeff Goodale  
Family Prayer .....Lawrence Richardson

**Our Record**

Attendance	July 8	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	192	216
Sun. A.M. Worship	314	336
Sun. P.M. Worship	150	171
Wed. Bible Study	172	212
Contribution	\$13,448	\$14,369
2018 Weekly Budget: \$15,252		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -1,533		

Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson (Head Usher); Bobby Ingraham & Jeff Leslie  
Safety Team for this week: L.H. Richardson & Shaun Tyson

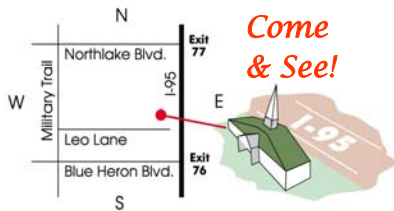




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*Speaking  
where  
the  
Bible  
speaks,  
silent where the Bible is silent.*



*Come  
& See!*

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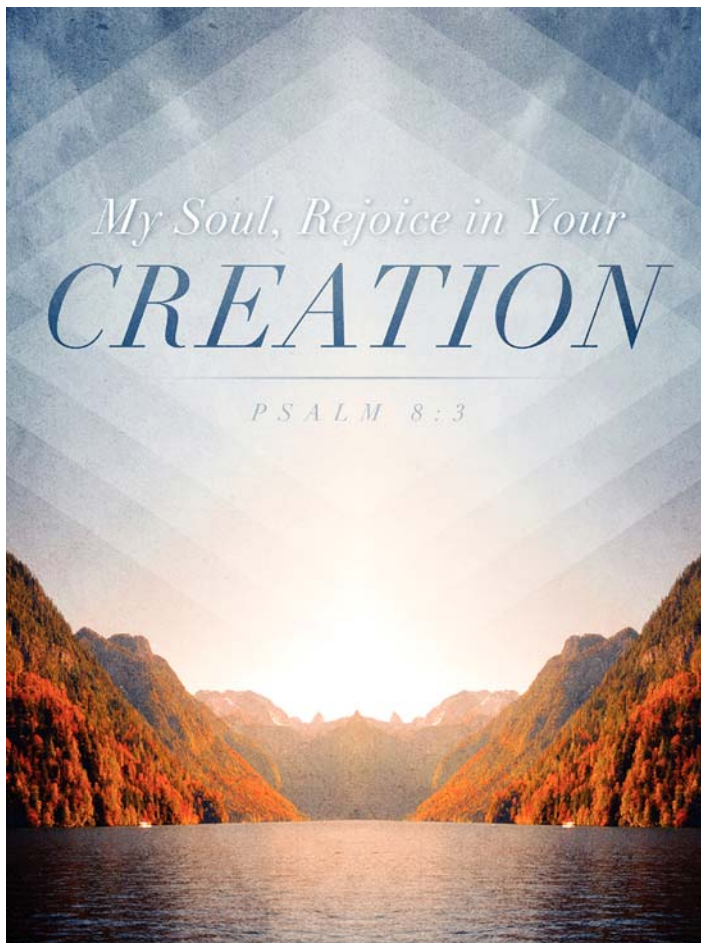
#### Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

Bible classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: **Five Elders on Promotion Sunday**



## Upcoming Events

### July 15

**Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meeting**

### July 22-28

**Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp**

### August 4

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### September 9

**Wayne Parker Mission Report**