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New Bible Classes

JANUARY 13 THRU MARCH 20

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

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| <i>Studies in Proverbs</i> | Dan Jenkins (Auditorium) |
| <i>Mastering the Art of Self-Discipline</i> | David Sproule (Adult 1) |
| <i>Young Adults: David's Life and Psalms</i> | Kevin Weeks (Adult 3) |
| <i>Sr. High: Romans & Galatians</i> | |
| <i>Jr. High: Israel's Captivity</i> | |

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

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| <i>1-2 Timothy & Titus (Part 2)</i> | David Sproule (Auditorium) |
| <i>Restoring My Soul in Difficult Times</i> | Josh Blackmer (Adult 1) |
| <i>Ladies: Seasoning Your Words</i> | Cara Blackmer (Adult 2) |
| <i>Maturing As a 21st-Century Christian</i> | V. Colage, J. Goodale, N. Nelson & I. Villard (Adult 3) |
| <i>Sr. High: Christian Evidences</i> | |
| <i>Jr. High: First Principles of Christianity</i> | |

Let us "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18)!



By Dan Jenkins

If I Were a Deacon

This Sunday marks a historic day in the history of Palm Beach Lakes as we add eight new deacons. The importance of those special servants to help the church function is emphasized when Acts shows us that the work of evangelizing the world almost was sidetracked by the internal problems over the neglect of some widows in the church. The solution? Selecting seven men to serve the church so that the leadership in the church could focus on the greater work. This alone shows why this Sunday is such an important day for this church.

We already have nearly twenty deacons, and many of them realize the important place they have in the progress of this church. The "old deacons" will soon have other "new deacons" to work beside them. Let me share with you my thoughts about what I would do if I were a deacon.

If I Were an "Old Deacon"

If I were one of these men who have been selected by the church previously, here are my suggestions about the role they can play in molding this church over the next few years.

- I would have a personal conversation with each "new deacon" and express gratitude for who he is and what he can bring to this church. I would offer to help each of them.

- I would help them understand the honor given to them and great responsibility they have to do their work.
- I would encourage them to stay in the boundary of God's word but to think outside the box about how to get other members helping them do their work.
- I would help them see that any failure to perform forces our shepherds to leave a greater work to "serve tables."

If I Were a "New Deacon"

What would you say to others if you were a "old" deacon or a "new" deacon?

- I would let the elders know how determined I am to do this work and to seek counsel from others, especially older deacons, about accomplishing it.
- I would pray every day that God would help me see the importance of my assigned work and do all I can to fulfill my task given to me by God.
- I would not make the mistake of thinking that I must do my work all by myself. Many members have volunteered to work beside me, and I will help them grow spiritually by using them. I would make sure I knew how our "Laborers Together with God" program functions.

A Final Word to All Deacons

This church is so thankful for all of you. You are in the prayers of the members of this church. Let us work together to make the work before us bring great glory to our God.



By David Sproule

God Is Still...

Job said it well, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). Our life on this earth is limited and short (in comparison to the big picture), but it seems our troubles are anything but limited. Job not only conceded that we have "turmoil" (NASB) in our lives, but that our days are "full of turmoil." Do you ever feel that way?

The trouble with the "trouble" of life is that it seems to know no boundaries. It can involve our health, our family, our children, our job, our finances, our friends, our faith, etc., etc., which all affect our emotional stability. We get bad news about an unexpected diagnosis, a terminal illness, a sudden death, loss of a job, a friend going through hard times. "Trouble" seems to be all around us. And even if nothing is "going wrong" at the moment, for some of us it may be the loneliness and separation that we are experiencing has filled us with "trouble." One of the worst things about "trouble" in our lives is that it doesn't know when to stop.

So what can I do? When my life is full of turmoil, what can I do? May I suggest that you pick up the remote control of your life and hit "Pause" for just a second. I know that our "trouble" will hit the "un-pause" soon after, but take a moment to reflect upon and to remember...God.

Hit "Pause" for just a second to reflect upon and to remember... God.

In the midst of trouble, **God is still...God!** "Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psa. 90:2).

In the midst of trouble, **God is still...with you!** "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Josh. 1:9).

In the midst of trouble, **God is still...faithful!** "The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3).

In the midst of trouble, **God is still...love!** "We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love" (1 John 4:16).

In the midst of trouble, **God is still...full of compassion!** "The Lord is gracious...full of compassion...great in mercy...good to all" (Psa. 145:8-9).

In the midst of trouble, **God is still...greater!** "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

In the midst of trouble, **God is still...able!** "To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Eph. 3:20).

Whatever our trouble is, in the grand scheme it is actually small (2 Cor. 4:17) and temporary (Rom. 8:18). But remember, God is NOT small and God is NOT temporary! Trust Him! Love Him! He cares for you! He will see you through!



By Josh Blackmer

Choose Your Own Adventure

If you were a child or a teacher in the 80's and 90's, it is possible that you have heard of Choose Your Own Adventure books by Edward Packard. How many of you read books or watch a movie and ask, "Why are you hiding from the bad guy upstairs?" or "Why are you walking alone at night?" These books were written to give you choices to make to change those things. It would read like this, "If you want to look for the princess in the dungeon, turn to page 43. If you want to look for the princess in the tower, turn to page 50." The ending and the adventures you had along the way changed depending on the choices you made. The beauty of a book like that is you could read the same book many times and it would never have the same ending. Each time you made a choice, if you didn't like the outcome, you could go back and try again. If only life were so.

It seems that every day we are in our own "choose your own adventure." Every day might not be an adventure, but every day is filled with hundreds of choices and decisions to make. Some of them we make with little-to-no thought. They are minor in the scope of the big tapestry of our lives. Others, we might linger on before making a decision that can't be changed. Moses set before the people this choice: "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and

adversity; in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it" (Deut. 30:15-16). If you were given this choice, which would you choose? This was presented to them again after they conquered the Promised Land. Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve" (Josh. 24:15). He was restating the choice that they had made before they came into the land.

The choices we make echo into eternity.

These two instances highlight some truths about our adventure of choices. The weight of some choices determines other choices for us. Moses said that if they chose life and prosperity then they had also chosen to love God and keep His commandments. In a similar way, when we chose to serve Christ we also chose to pattern our lives after His. While we can't go back and do things over again, grace allows us to do better next time. We can't avoid the consequences, but we can get back on the right path that leads to the reward at the end of this adventure. Not all choices are life altering, but we need to be alert to those choices that can forever change our path and set us on a course for an undesirable ending. The choices we make echo into eternity. What choices will you make this year to keep yourself and those around you on the path?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Any use in trying to be righteous?

Do you want to know what God says about the "righteous"? The word appears about 250 times in the Bible, and over 120 of those times are in the books of Psalms and Proverbs. Think about that—half of the time that the Bible uses the word "righteous" is in those two books.

Consider just a few passages from Proverbs that highlight the benefit of being "righteous" in the eyes of the Lord. The righteous "has an everlasting foundation" (10:25), "is delivered from trouble" (11:8), and "has a refuge in his death" (14:32). In fact, "in the house of the righteous there is much treasure" (15:6), for the Lord "blesses the dwelling of the righteous" (3:33).

On the other side, he who chooses to be "wicked," rather than "righteous," "shall be filled with evil" (12:21), "banished in his wickedness" (14:32), "overthrown" (12:7), punished (11:21), and receive "trouble" as "the revenue of the wicked" (15:6). Which shall you choose? Remember, "The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous" (15:29)! – DS



Remember your Creator!

As Solomon reflected on his life and the many vain pursuits in which he had engaged to find his true meaning and purpose, one of the conclusions to which he came and enjoined upon others was simply this, "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth" (Ecc. 12:1).

While none of the following would be wrong or are categorically dismissed by the text, notice that Solomon did not say, "Remember your God" or "your Lord" or "your Judge" or "your Savior" or "your King." All of those would be accurate designations (and are obviously included in "Creator"), but there is something intentional about this first Bible use of the word "Creator."

The true meaning of life, Solomon wanted us to know, is found in a constant reflection upon and intense faith in this fundamental truth—"In the beginning God created"! God made me! I would not be here without HIM! I would not be anything without HIM! I would have no hope without HIM! When I "remember" that, the rest of my life will fall in line behind (and find purpose in) HIM! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

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| Lillian Bankston | discharged from rehab, staying with Barbara King |
| Jordan Beasley | still being treated (at home) for an infection |
| Karen Bibbee | awaiting results from lung biopsy |
| Casey Bound | recovering from a miscarriage, 12 weeks pregnant |
| Chuck Clark | undergoing treatments for prostate cancer |
| Cora Lee Dennis | ICU at Gardens Medical Center, not doing well |
| Leigh Puckett | recovering at home |
| Maurine Reed | recovering at home, still has a blood clot in her leg |
| Linda Studer | started a new cancer treatment |
| Patricia Ventress | still undergoing tests |

Long-Term Health Issues

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| Lillian Bankston | dialysis treatments |
| Joe Holland | chronic health issues |
| Charles Norton | dialysis treatments |
| Patricia Ventress | dialysis treatments |

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



The family of Nelson Watts, who passed away on Monday, December 31.

Stahia Banks, upon the passing of **her brother, Tracy Young**, last week.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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| Victor Colage | Victor Colage's father, in Manor Care on Village Blvd. |
| Carmen Damron | Mike Damron's wife, chemo completed, doing well |
| Kay Estes | Chuck & Cheryl Milton's sister, knee replacement (Jan. 15) |
| Darrin McCreery | Pat Harrington's son, prostate cancer |
| Bruce Morning | Michael Morning's brother, in rehab in Boca Raton |
| Winford Slone | Betty Sanders' brother, diagnosed with lung cancer |
| Benjamin Smith | Mary Brown's brother, has not been doing well |
| Jay Tyson | Shaun Tyson's father, hospital, fell & other health issues |

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 6

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Meeting for All PBL Men** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, January 7

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8

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

Saturday, January 12

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, January 13

- ◆ **New 10-Week Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Sunday, January 13 (cont.)

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

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

Friday-Monday, January 18-21

- ◆ **Winter Camp at CFBC.** The theme is "Follow Me." Cost is \$60 per person. See the bulletin board for details.

Saturday, January 19

- ◆ **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.

Sunday-Wednesday, January 20-23

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Mike Brooks from Muscle Shoals, Alabama will be speaking.

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

Tuesday, January 8

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

Friday, January 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Mini-Golf** at 7:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Cove Adventure Golf in Jupiter. See Ivan for more details.

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **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.

Friday-Sunday, February 1-3

- ◆ **Young Adult Camping Trip** at Phipps Park Campground in Stuart. Cost is \$14 per person (not including food). See Ivan Villard for more details.

Tuesday, February 5

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, January 13

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

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **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.

Sunday, January 27

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Ivan Villard or Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, February 1

- ◆ **Deadline to sign up for YES Weekend** (for Grades 8-12).

Sunday, February 10

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

10 Guidelines

for the New Year

in Your Relationship with . . .



GOD:

Be prayerful. Remember dependence and helplessness in your relationship with God are prerequisites for spiritual health. How about a thorough spiritual check-up this year? (2 Corinthians 13:5).

OTHERS:

Be helpful. Make a commitment to show love and encouragement to someone everyday (Romans 14:19-22). Challenge yourself to be kind and helpful especially to those who least expect it (Ephesians 4:32).

YOUR MIND:

Read and think about something noble and creative every day (Philippians 4:8). Start the day with the Bible. Let the words of life fill your heart and mind before anything else gets to them!

FEELINGS:

Express them with love and honesty. Whether fear, guilt, grief, rage, shame, or anxiety, express your feelings to God, self, and a trusted friend (Proverbs 27:5; 1 Peter 3:7).

ACTIONS:

Be generous. Without thought of reward or praise be extravagant in your giving to others (2 Corinthians 9:7). Give freely of your love, time, money, spirit, creativity, encouragement, and praise. Don't be stingy with the most important and powerful gifts in your possession, let your actions reflect the startling love of God!

SUCCESES:

Be thankful (Colossians 3:15). Most if not all of our successes are the result of God's grace not our cleverness or hard work. Count your blessings regularly.

TROUBLES:

Be trustful. For some mysterious reason, many times, God has chosen to make us mature through trials and hardships (Hebrews 12:6-10). Look for the hand of God in every circumstance and trust His guidance in the highs and lows of life.

HEART:

Be careful (Proverbs 23:7). Focus your love on the Father and Savior who reside within you. Be careful what you allow to creep in to this sacred space which belongs to God.

WORSHIP:

Be still (Psalm 46:10). Expressing your love and adoration to God isn't reserved for Sundays only. Don't get too busy throughout the week to make continual offerings of praise to God. Jesus is Lord of every day!

SIN:

Be repentant. Don't let any sin harden your heart or break the connection between you and God. Confess your sins to the Father every day (1 John 1:6-10). Claim His promises that forgive you and make you pure and clean by the Blood of Jesus!

— Borrowed from Dean Fitch

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
December 30

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Sophie Achille; Mrs. Linda Thomas Burgess; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. Kyle Coffman; Ms. Viciola Christon & Amber; Mrs. Linda Stevens Dawkins; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kimberly Hutchison; Mr. Scott Laybonne; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Nancy Light; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Amanda Benezra; Mark, Carra, Samuel & Savannah Byers; Mr. Brad Collier; Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Debbie Cox; Miss LaDon Cruz; Ms. Dorcas Francois; Mrs. Shirley Franklin; Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Jan Hamlen; Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan & Julie Jenkins; Mrs. Patricia Kato; Mr. Scott Kelley, Jacob & Colton; Mr. & Mrs. Jason & Rebecca Kendall, Logan & Noah; Mr. Mark Lester; Ms. Linda McNeese; Mrs. Anne Merrill; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker; Mr. Raymond Pedigo; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames & family; Miss Kayanna Richardson; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Millie Sanders; Ms. Darlene Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Chris Smith; Ms. Christine Symonette; Mr. Eddie Ward; and Mr. & Mrs. John & Darlene Wheeler.



Carolina Medina's daughter, Natalie Villa, was restored on Sunday, December 30.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Tuesday (January 6th)
Shaun & Emily Tyson (Ann.)
Bobby Ingraham
Joe Maloney

Wednesday (January 9th) cont.
Brenda Collier

Thursday (January 10th)
Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona

Tuesday (January 7th)
Willie & Giselle Smith (Ann.)
Lucy Bond
Sandy Colage

Friday (January 11th)
Harrison & Danielle Carter (Ann.)
Aisha Commander

Wednesday (January 9th)
Matthew & Kasandra Jones (Ann.)

Saturday (January 12th)
Barbara King

Thank You Notes

Today and every day, we are grateful to God for the difference you make in our lives. Thank God for you, and the way you supported me in times of sorrow. Thank you for the prayers, visits, and flowers. I do thank you so very much.

Thanks and love, The Moses family

Thank you for the phone calls, cards, and other ways you showed concern for my health while I was in the hospital. It makes me so happy to be a Christian.

Love, Charlie Fifield

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 6

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Charles Hayes
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Goodale
Presiding at Table Chris Thompson
Serve at Table:
Andy Anderson Tim Mahlbacher
Mike Erickson John Patrick
Eddie Gooden Jim Rogers
Richard Lerro Ivan Villard, Jr.
Alternates:
Dan Fuller Marty Williams
Closing Prayer Kirk Crews

Sunday Evening, January 6

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Kevin Weeks
Scripture Reading..... Ken Tipton
Presiding at Table..... Scott Studer
Devin Eutsey
Gorman Ericksen
Simon Tyson
Closing Prayer Tom Martens
Wednesday Evening, January 9
Lead Singing John Loftis
Invitation..... Mike Ellis
Family Prayer Taylor Reeves

Our Record

| Attendance | Dec. 30 | Nov. Avg |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 206 | 221 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 336 | 322 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 180 | 157 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 162 | 159 |
| Contribution | \$16,623 | \$14,674 |
| 2018 Weekly Budget: \$15,252 | | |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -13,721 | | |

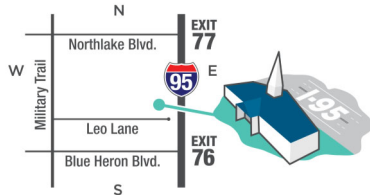
Ushers for this week: Glen Dawson (Head Usher); Errol Gower-Winter & Dick Kelley
Safety Team for this week: Bob Higbee & Nahum Villard



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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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 Speaking where the Bible speaks

 Silent where the Bible is silent

 Calling Bible things by Bible names

 Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

January 6

Meeting of All PBL Men

January 27

Mission Sunday

February 16

Sweetheart Banquet

March 3-6

Gospel Meeting with David Lipe
Theme: "The Truth Shall Set You Free"

March 31

Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods

April 18

Ladies' Day with Becky Blackmon

May 4

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men