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- Jerry Hopkins ..... 434-4188
- Phil Porter ..... 575-4782
- Richard Watson ..... 307-2608

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- Victor Colage ..... 719-1490
- Lance Collier ..... 793-2718
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- Jim Davis ..... 248-3310
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- Tim Fry ..... 373-9121
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- Jeff Leslie ..... 744-3444
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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## JUNE 16-19

Each night at 7:00 p.m.

Classes for all ages (children & adults)!

Please arrive early to register your children.



By Dan Jenkins

## What if...? What if...? What if...?

Mordecai told Esther that there was no way she could know for sure that she (a Jewish young lady) had become queen of the Persian Empire so that she could, by her actions on just one day of her life, change the history of the nation. He simply said, "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)? He understood that if she refused to do the right thing, God would use someone else in some other way to accomplish His purposes. Have you ever thought about how history would have been changed if those who knew God failed to do right? Consider the following.

What if Noah had refused to build the ark? What if he had begun the work and then just quit because what God expected of him was just too much? What if he had not obeyed God's instructions and designed the ark the way Noah thought was best?

What if Abraham had decided not to leave Ur? What if he, having been told by God to leave Ur, just kept silent and had stayed in Ur? What if he had thought the journey to an unknown land was just long and dangerous and had stopped before arriving in Canaan? What if he had departed from Ur and then decide he knew of a better route and a better destination for his journey?

What if Joseph had taken the path of vengeance on his brothers when they came to Egypt? What if he had decided that he would just ignore them, send them away and spend the rest of his life as one of the great rulers of Egypt? What if he had failed to save the children of Israel and had not brought them into Egypt?

What if David, having heard the challenges from Goliath, had responded as every other man in Israel? What if he had not stepped out of his comfort zone, ignoring the mockery of his peers and simply returned to the safety of his father's house? What if he had not led the army of Israel to defeat the Philistines on that day?

What if...? What if...? What if...? Go through the rest of the Bible and see how the actions of one individual changed the lives of those around them. Then, take time to think about who you are and what is happening in your life. What if you, having been given a "Samuel" did not lend him back to the Lord? What if you, as a member of the church, refused to teach our children in their classes? You do not know who you are impacting; what if you thought it demanded too much of you? Make the application. What if you failed to give your all as a church leader? What if you made no effort to reach out and impact the lives of others? What if...? What if...? What if...?

**Then take time to think about who you are and how God wants to use you**



By David Sproule

## Biblical Faith in God Involves Obedience to God (Part 2 of 4)

While various men may define faith differently and while various groups may separate faith and obedience in God's plan for man, the first article in this series found that both the Bible and lexicographers emphasize that true faith involves conviction, surrender and obedience. Is there further

Biblical evidence that can offered in this matter?

It may surprise some Bible readers to learn that the New Testament actually uses the terms and concepts of (1) true, saving faith and (2) obedience synonymously and interchangeably. Consider the following passages that make a distinct contrast between one who "believes" and one who "disobeys."

John 3:36 states, "He who **believes** in the Son has eternal life; but he who does **not obey** the Son will not see life..." To believe is to obey. To not obey is equivalent with not believing.

Hebrews 3:18-19 states, "And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were **disobedient**? So we see that they were not able to enter because of **unbelief**." To not believe is to not obey. Disobedience is equivalent to unbelief.

Acts 14:1-2 states, "A great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks **believed**. But the Jews that were **disobedient**

stirred up the souls of the Gentiles..." To believe is to obey. To be disobedient is equivalent with not believing.

Romans 10:16 states, "They have **not all obeyed** the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has **believed** what he has heard from us?'" To have believed is to have obeyed. To not obey is equivalent with not believing.

Do you think that God wanted Bible readers to make the clear and direct connection between believing and obeying Him? In God's eyes, one cannot truly believe without obeying! These texts emphatically affirm that!

In a similar way, those who obeyed the Lord in the book of Acts were said to have "believed." In Acts 2, individuals believed the message (2:37), repented (2:38) and were baptized (2:41). Luke summarizes what they did by saying they had "believed" (2:44). In Acts 16, the jailer and his household heard the Word (16:32), believed (16:31), repented (16:33a) and were baptized (16:33b). Luke summarizes what they did by saying they had "believed" (16:34). The terms that involve true faith and obedience are used synonymously and interchangeably in the Word of God.

Take time to mark these verses in your Bible. We have now learned that by definition and by clear and repeated usage in Scripture, Biblical faith involves one's obedience.

**True faith and obedience are used synonymously and interchangeably**

*(more next week)*



By Josh Blackmer

## Noa Without a Lifeboat

Legally, she didn't have to tell her parents what she was about to do. It is legal in Holland at age 12 but needs parental consent up to age 16. Noa Pothoven was 17 and wanted an assisted suicide. She had already met with two independent doctors that confirmed her suffering was indeed unbearable and without hope of recovery. She had suffered sexual abuse and rape since age 11. Those events had thrown her into dealing with depression, post-traumatic stress syndrome and anorexia. She wrote an award-winning autobiography titled "Winning and Learning" where she disclosed the abuse for the first time, too ashamed to have spoken about it earlier. In a final Instagram post she wrote, "After years of fighting and fighting, it is finished. Love is letting go."

So much pain. I can't begin to imagine what she went through all those years. There are things that happen in life that require professional counseling and guidance. The goal of that kind of treatment is to get to a place where life is bearable. There should be wise counsel that helps people cope with the unbearable (Gal. 6:2). In Noa's case she was adrift without a lifeboat. Everyone failed her. She went through years of psychological treatment with no success. She was denied her request for an official assisted suicide, however her parents and government agreed that they would not intervene as she

starved herself to death. She died on June 2, 2019. Those that should have protected her, even from herself, stood by as she wasted away. Her frail hand was slipping below the surface of the water with no one to save, no lifeboat.

We could discuss the legality of allowing physically healthy people to die. We could discuss the humanity of standing by and watching the life of youth slip away. Both of these are unimaginable. It is my fear that this will become more common. Depression, anxiety and stress are skyrocketing among youth while coping skills and sound reasoning are fading. That coupled with a more progressive "you do you" parenting style, acceptance of all ideals, and no moral anchor. There is a storm coming. Many are adrift. Will you be a lifeboat?

### Will you be a lifeboat?

This is not to say that we each must be mental health professionals. This is a call to recognize people that are struggling. Help them get the help they need. Help them to see the lifeboat. Most are not in the dire situation that Noa was in. Most need someone to take an interest, to care, to listen and to show compassion. "Seeing the people, He [Jesus] felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). Be on the alert, "there are souls to rescue, souls to save." If you are in need of a lifeboat, call or cry out. Noa suffered alone for so long. You don't have to.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### God can and will forgive you!

When you read through the Bible and come across a woman named Rahab, the first thing you learn about her is not the most favorable in the eyes of God. We learn in Joshua 2:1 that she was "a harlot." Why does the Bible choose to tell us that? God could have left that particular detail out and the rest of the story would still remain the same (or so it would seem).

In Joshua 2, we learn something else about this woman—she had a faith in God which she confessed to the spies (2:11) and acted upon (2:12-21; 6:22-25). In fact, she is held up as an example of faith in Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25. Additionally, there are only five women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus (in Matthew 1:1-17), and Rahab is one of them (1:5).

So, why did God tell us that Rahab was a harlot? He didn't do it to scorn her, nor did He do it to justify prostitution. Surely His purpose was to teach us that He is ready to forgive anyone of any sin, if they will truly repent and follow Him! What a much-needed lesson for us to learn! – DS



### Intentional reminders

When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, Joshua commanded that twelve stones be taken from the river and set up in Gilgal as a reminder to God's people of the power of God, when they "crossed over this Jordan on dry land" (Josh. 4:22). Reminders can be a powerful thing!

What sort of reminders can we establish today to help us to remember God's will for our lives? The wedding ring is a great reminder—it not only tells others that we're married, but it should be a daily reminder to us of the vows we made to our spouse and to God. One church member bought a sticker (like you would put on your mailbox) of the letter "C" and put it on the door leading to his garage, which he would walk through every day as he left the house. Why a "C"? As a reminder, when he saw it each morning, to see ("C") souls everywhere he went that day.

Sometimes we need visual reminders to prompt our minds to think on things of eternal importance and to move us to action. What reminders can you set up for yourself today? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	Encore Rehab in Boca Raton (room 105)
<b>Anthioda Charles</b>	recovering from an auto accident
<b>Dan Fuller</b>	having hip replacement surgery on June 11
<b>Patricia Hackshaw</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Richard Haines</b>	MorseLife Rehab, recovering from hip surgery
<b>Lovetta Harmon</b>	recovering from throat surgery
<b>Mary A. Jackson</b>	suffering with fibromyalgia
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	scheduled to have a pacemaker put in on June 7
<b>Chuck Norton</b>	St. Mary's (room 3021), recovering from hip surgery
<b>Ashlyn Rosado</b>	recovering from surgery on her broken wrist
<b>Linda Studer</b>	monthly chemo treatments
<b>Sadie Tennant</b>	La Posada Rehab Center (room 2074)
<b>Amy West</b>	scheduled for another foot surgery on June 7
<b>Henry Williams</b>	Boca Raton Regional Hospital (room 219B), leg surgery
<b>Evetta Wilson</b>	dealing with a corneal ulcer in her eye

## 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>Bernardo Burdeos</b>	Lovella Rogers' father, in a coma in ICU in the Philippines
<b>Barbara Coe</b>	Linda Coe's mother, not doing well since strokes in Dec.
<b>Tim Deem</b>	Allison Roman's brother, recovering from infection surg.
<b>Phil Friedly</b>	Gary & Doris Friedly's son, recovering from heart surgery
<b>Richard Hill</b>	Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from heart surgery
<b>Joan Humphrey</b>	Connie Plouffe's sister, in rehab recovering from a fall
<b>Ben Smith</b>	Mary Brown's brother, in Rehab Ctr of the Palm Beaches
<b>Ulysses Smith</b>	Mary Brown's brother, receiving leukemia treatments
<b>Oscar Trevino</b>	Flo Aristy's father, not doing well
<b>Carol Wineinger</b>	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, has second dialysis port

**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, June 9

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Caleb Boggs & Bethany Bertram** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring gift cards. They are registered at Target.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, June 10

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

## Tuesday, June 11

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

## Wednesday, June 12

- ♦ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Kevin Patterson (Sebring) will be speaking on *"Aliens in a Victoria's Secret World."*
- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study.

## Thursday-Saturday, June 13-15

- ♦ **VBS Setup** at 6:30 p.m. (Thursday & Friday) and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, if needed. All members are encouraged to come and help!

## Sunday, June 16

- ♦ **Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Sunday-Wednesday, June 16-19

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Rise & Shine for Jesus."*

## Friday, June 21

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. Please contact Ally for her new address.

## Sunday, June 23

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes** begin at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

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

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## Tuesday, July 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jessica Ramirez. Please bring a sides, desserts and drinks. See Cindy or Jessica for more details.



**Palm Beach Lakes**  
**Youth**

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

## Wednesday-Saturday, June 26-29

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.**

**JUNE:**



## To Deeper Knowledge and Faith in Christ

*"...if indeed you **continue** in the faith, **grounded and steadfast**, and are **not moved away** from the hope of the gospel which you heard..."*

*(Colossians 1:23)*

*"As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith**, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."*

*(Colossians 2:6-7)*

*"But **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

*(2 Peter 3:18)*

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
June 2

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Miss Caila Buonadonna, Sofia & Jace; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Johnny Mark Davis; Mr. Jordan Davis; Ms. Marcia Farrar; Lakyn Fornari; Miss Hazel Hackshaw; Mr. La-Von Kinsey; Mr. Michael Menendez; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Alice Acuna, Calexico, CA; Ms. Mildred Burns, Rhine, GA; Ms. Melanie Clay, Lubbock, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle & Brandi Crews, Bailey, Sadie, & Crosby, St. Charles, MO; Mrs. Jennifer Dumm & Camryn, Nicktown, PA; Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Hope Gilmore, Decatur, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Jan Hamlen, Valdosta, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Donna Hannah, Temple, TX; Jacob, & Colton Kelley, Tamarac, FL; Mr. Will McLaughlin, Boca Raton, FL; and Mrs. Karla Santiago, Elizabethtown, KY.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Sunday (June 9th)

Casey & Aisha Commander (Ann.)  
Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)  
Scott & Linda Studer (Ann.)  
Namdidie Ikon

Tuesday (June 11th) cont.

Richard Watson

Thursday (June 13th)

Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)  
Judie Jenkins  
Taylor Price

Friday (June 14th)

Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)

Saturday (June 15th)

Gary & Sue Shelt (Ann.)  
Rosemarie Joseph

Monday (June 10th)

Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)  
Errol Gower-Winter  
Kinsey Hayes  
Phyiona Patterson  
Amberdenise Puckett

Tuesday (June 11th)

Betsey Donahue



Dear PBL,

Thank you for your phone calls, prayers and cards.

Sincerely,

Chuck Norton

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To the church,

Thanks for the phone calls, cards, texts, prayers, visits, and beautiful flowers during my illness.

Isolyn Sinclair

**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, June 9**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... L.H. Richardson  
Scripture Reading..... Victor Colage  
Presiding at Table ..... David Lord  
Serve at Table:  
Derrick Banks      Morris McDaniel  
David Brown      Scott Studer  
Mike Erickson      Kevin Weeks  
Graysen Hayes      Eugene Williams  
Alternates:  
Max Fonrose      Jim Rogers  
Closing Prayer ..... Nate Nelson

**Sunday Evening, June 9**

Lead Singing ..... Ken Tipton  
Opening Prayer ..... Robert Lupo  
Scripture Reading..... Chris Thompson  
Presiding at Table..... Mike Ellis  
David Bound  
Cody Price  
Jonathan Swayne  
Closing Prayer ..... Kane Campbell  
**Wednesday Evening, June 12**  
Lead Singing ..... Harrison Crofts  
Invitation..... Ted Friesner  
Family Prayer ..... Jim Davis

**Our Record**

Attendance	June 2	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	217	231
Sun. A.M. Worship	329	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	149	136
Wed. Bible Study	159	168
Contribution	\$15,589	\$13,728
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$2,921		

Ushers for this week: Paul Metzkes (Head Usher); Tim Fry & Robert Mariano

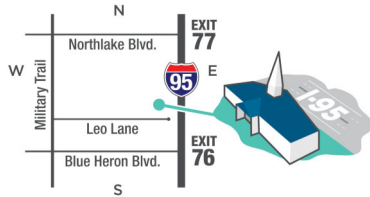
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne & Shaun Tyson



# 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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# Aliens in a Strange Land

June 12

## Aliens in a Victoria's Secret World

Kevin Patterson (Sebring)

June 26

## Aliens in a Facebook World

Mike Baker (Concord Street)

July 3

## Aliens in a %#!\$@ World

Ben Griffin (Suncoast)