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# New Bible Classes

SEPTEMBER 8 THRU NOVEMBER 13

**SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.**

<i>First &amp; Second Peter and Jude</i>	David Sproule (Auditorium)
<i>The Authenticity of the Bible</i>	Richard Watson (Adult 1)
<i>Young Adults: The Book of James</i>	Kirk Crews (Adult 3)
<i>Sr. High: Hebrews</i>	Josh Blackmer
<i>Jr. High: Living As God's Chosen Son/Daughter</i>	Guys: Darin & Nate Girls: Katie Summerlot & Cara

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.**

<i>Isaiah (Part 2)</i>	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
<i>Practical Parenting for Today's Children</i>	Josh Blackmer (Adult 1)
<i>Ladies: Blessed Beyond Measure</i>	Skye, Mendy, Hollie, Loni, Traci & Amber Villard (Adult 2)
<i>The Beatitudes</i>	Stephen Beliech, Jim Davis, Gary Seames & Shaun Tyson
<i>Sr. High &amp; Jr. High Combined: Always Be Ready</i>	Dan Fuller



By Dan Jenkins

## Ever Wondered, Who Is the Father of Your Child?

It is easy for us to think of our omniscient God in a general sense. God knows the actual weight of the earth and measured the entire universe with the span of His hand (Isa. 40:12). We know that the heavens show this wisdom and glory to all men. However, sometimes it is not easy to think about what

God knows about us individually. Let's take time to look at what God knows about fathers, but each of us can make our own application to our lives even if we are not fathers.

God knows so much about fathers. He knew about Abraham as a father. "For I have known him in order that he may command his children and his household after him that they keep the way of the Lord" (Gen. 18:19). In His wisdom, God could see Isaac and Jacob having been taught by Abraham and their responsibility to God. Fathers, have you ever considered that God knows how you are teaching your children?

God gave Isaac to Abraham even at his old age. Abraham could look at Isaac and know that this son was truly a gift from God. God "owned" Isaac first and that is why he was a gift from God. This truth extends far beyond this father and reaches down to all fathers, even to those who are reading this right this moment.

As the Jews were being taken to Babylon, God reminded them of their neglect of their children in a remarkable way. "Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your acts of harlotry a small matter, that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through the fire?" (Ezek. 16:20-21). They took their sons and daughters and burned them as infant sacrifices to pagan gods. Read these verses again. It was not *their* children—God says that those children were *His* children. Fathers, your children are God's gift to you, but they, in reality, are *His* children given to you.

God knew Abraham and that He would instruct his children. Have you considered that God knows you just as well? Does God know you and knows you will *not* instruct your children? The Jews were not simply neutral in failing to teach God's children He had given to them, they actively taught their children, *His* children, to do wrong. Fathers, your failure to actively teach your children may actually be teaching them by your example to not put God first in their lives!

Fathers, God put one verse in the Bible especially for you. "Fathers...bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Remember they are not your children, God says, "They are Mine!"

**Fathers, never forget that God put one verse in the Bible especially for you.**



By David Sproule

## What Kind of Flower Would You Want to Be?

It's kind of a weird question, but if you had the opportunity to be any kind of flower in the world, what would you want to be? There are so many from which to choose! In fact, scientists have identified approximately 400,000 types of flowering plant species in the world. Some are extremely rare, like the endangered corpse flower of Indonesia.

It has no roots, no leaves and no stem, but obtains nourishment from the Tetrastigma vine. It blooms only once every decade or so. Some flowers are extremely valuable, like the Shenzhen Nongke Orchid, which is supposedly worth \$200,000.

What difference does all of that make, and why ask what kind of flower you would like to be? Because the Bible repeatedly likens us, as human beings, to flowers. How are we like flowers?

Our life is described in Isaiah 40: "All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field" (v. 6). You choose the flower, and all your loveliness (beauty, ESV) is like the flower of the field.

Our life is described in Psalm 103: "As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes" (v. 15). All flowers flourish from essentially the same three needs: light, water and food. Our lives flourish from the same.

While we might share beauty and flourishing in common with flowers, the real comparison is found in Job 14: "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away" (v. 1-2). "The grass withers" (Isa. 40:7-8), "its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes" (Jas. 1:11). It does not matter how rare a flower is—it will wither, fade and die! It does not matter how valuable a flower is—it will wither, fade and die! Thus, it does not matter who you are—how rare you are, how valuable you are, how beautiful you are—because you will wither, fade and die! "It is appointed for man to die once" (Heb. 9:27).

So, what hope do we have? We know that once a flower withers, fades and dies, that's it! Is there any hope for us after that? Fortunately for us, the Lord makes this contrast: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands (endures, 1 Pet. 1:25) forever" (Isa. 40:8). Peter, after quoting this verse, concludes: "And this word is the good news that was preached to you" (1 Pet. 1:25). God's enduring word, which shall never "pass away" (Matt. 24:35), was preached to us in the gospel (i.e., the good news), telling us of the love of Christ and how to prepare for that time when we wither, fade and die.

You are like a flower: beautiful and flourishing. But you shall also fade and die. Are you ready for that time?

**The Bible repeatedly likens us, as human beings, to flowers.**



By Josh Blackmer

## Greed vs. Contentment (Part 1)

It is easy to slip into greed. Living in a consumer society, temptation is ever before us. What you want becomes what you think about. It then becomes what you obsess about. From there, it is a small step to do anything to get it. A certain author highlights this human trait. A town was turned upside down in the desire for “needful things.” The apostle Paul wrote, “Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved” (1 Cor. 10:6).

Achan was probably an average person—not someone who made people think, “Oh, there goes old greedy Gus.” Yet, the Bible tells us he disobeyed direct orders not to take anything among the spoils of the destroyed city of Jericho (Josh. 7:1). After that, the conquering of Ai was foiled and Achan’s sins came to light. Many died, including Achan and his family, because of his greed. Ahab really wanted Naboth’s vineyard. When he was denied its sale, he pouted and his wicked queen killed the owner and took it (1 Kgs. 21:1-24). Elijah handed down God’s judgment. Ahab’s blood would be licked up by dogs and Jezebel, the queen, would be eaten by dogs. Greed was the motivation for murder and theft, which was their undoing.

In the New Testament, Luke writes about the rich

young ruler. He asked the question, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 18:18). Jesus gave him an answer to which the young ruler said that he was practicing those things. Jesus replied, “One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me” (Luke 18:22). The Bible tells us that he went away sorrowful because he had many possessions. He missed out on something so much bigger because of greed.

### Needful things are not always spiritual things.

Before we scoff at him, how many times have we done the same? How many times have we allowed stuff to get in the way of the eternal and spiritual? “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth” (Matt. 6:19-21, 24).

Is it possible that we are striving to serve two masters? Who are we trying to please? It is easy to get drawn into a state like those Paul mentions, “whose god is their appetite” (Phil. 3:19). Needful things are not always spiritual things.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Your heart’s posture in worship

One’s physical posture in worship, while it can have an impact, is not the focus. You could be standing on the outside, but asleep on the inside. You could be kneeling on the outside, but bored on the inside.

The real focus to which each and every worshiper must give attention is the posture of their heart. Consider words from Psalm 95. Is this you? Don’t think about this physically. Focus on your heart. “Oh come!” “Let us sing to the Lord!” “Let us shout joyfully!” “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving!” “Let us shout joyfully to Him!” “Oh come!” “Let us worship!” “Let us bow down!” “Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!” “Hear His voice!” “Do not harden your heart!”

Fellow worshiper, we spend too much time focused on the number of songs, the length of the sermon, the temperature of the air and the comfort of the pews! Let...us...worship... Him! – DS



### God is just!

Were your parents “fair”? The answer to that may depend on where you are in your life. How many kids have been known to say, “That’s not fair!”? As if children were born into this world with the divine standard for measuring true fairness in their parents. No child (slightly overstated) ever thought his parents were always fair in their decisions. (And, honestly, no parent has mastered the skill of being fair in every judgment.) But, later, when that child matures into adulthood, often he will look back and say his parents actually were fair.

Measuring fairness as humans is difficult because we are all imperfect. But we serve a God who is perfect and infinite in all of His attributes. John says that our Lord is “faithful and just” (1 John 1:9). He is just! He is fair! In everything that He does! Abraham said, “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Gen. 18:25). Moses learned, “All His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice” (Deut. 32:4). It is impossible for God to not be fair! You can trust Him! He will do right every time! He will do right by you every time! What a blessing! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	undergoing rehab at home
<b>Betty Davis</b>	Kindred Hospital and improving, NO visitors please
<b>Terri Hahn</b>	Gardens Medical Center (room 380), heart stent proc.
<b>Mary A. Jackson</b>	recovering from hip replacement surgery
<b>Kasandra Jones</b>	recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
<b>Judy Lerro</b>	outpatient procedure postponed for at least two weeks
<b>Willie Smith</b>	heart ablation surgery on September 18 in Tampa
<b>Linda Studer</b>	monthly chemo treatments



**Janice Maloney and Mary Quinn, upon the passing of their father, Foy Eutsey, on Sunday, September 1.**

## 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>Lena Kelly</b>	Adrienne Banks' mother, has stage 4 lung cancer
<b>Morris Richardson</b>	Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak
<b>Ulysses Smith</b>	Mary Brown's brother, Boca Reg. Hospital, has leukemia

*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, September 8

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, September 9

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

## Tuesday, September 10

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

## Friday, September 13

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

## Saturday, September 14

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is "*Behind the Mask.*" See the bulletin board for more details.

## Sunday, September 15

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Thursday, September 19

- ♦ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price.

## Saturday, September 21

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

## Friday-Sunday, September 27-29

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Harding Street** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Friday-Saturday). Matt Johnson from Tampa will be the guest speaker.

## Sunday, September 29

- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship. Bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

## Tuesday, September 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. Bring a side dish, salad, bread or dessert.

## Saturday, September 21

- ♦ **Young Adult Hangout** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Tuesday, October 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Cindy Nelson for details.

## Friday, October 4

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

## Saturday, October 5

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



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

## Sunday, September 8

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

## Saturday, September 14

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Bowling** at 4:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

## Sunday, September 22

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo with Stuart Youth Group** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring drinks and desserts.

## Thursday-Sunday, September 26-29

- ♦ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** Cost is \$50 per person plus \$20/day for food. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

## Friday, October 4

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m.

# Children's Bible Education & Experience



New Classes Begin  
**September 8**

## Ages 0-2

**Cradle Roll**  
**God Created Everything**  
*Giselle Smith*

## Toddlers & Age 2


**Noah**  
*Gai Ingram*

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).*

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).*

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).*

## Stepping into the Bible—Children: Age 3 thru Grade 5 (Sept. 8-Jan. 22)

	Creation	Adam & Eve	Noah	Abraham	Abraham & Isaac
<b>Session 1</b> <i>Sept. 8 thru Oct. 2</i>	<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5</b> <i>Paul Metzkes</i>	<b>Ages 3 &amp; 4</b> <i>Trish Clark &amp; Jean Archer</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Tasha Ellis</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Allison Roman</i>
<b>Session 2</b> <i>Oct. 6 thru Oct. 30</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Allison Roman</i>	<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5</b> <i>Paul Metzkes</i>	<b>Ages 3 &amp; 4</b> <i>Trish Clark &amp; Jean Archer</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Tasha Ellis</i>
<b>Session 3</b> <i>Nov. 3 thru Nov. 27</i>	<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Sue Hoelzer &amp; Sam Eutsey</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Cherylann Wineinger</i>	<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5</b> <i>David Lord</i>	<b>Ages 3 &amp; 4</b> <i>Hollie Crofts</i>	
<b>Session 4</b> <i>Dec. 1 thru Dec. 25</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Sue Hoelzer &amp; Sam Eutsey</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Cherylann Wineinger</i>	<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5</b> <i>David Lord</i>	<b>Ages 3 &amp; 4</b> <i>Hollie Crofts</i>
<b>Session 5</b> <i>Dec. 29 thru Jan. 22</i>	<b>Ages 3 &amp; 4</b> <i>Hollie Crofts</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Sue Hoelzer &amp; Sam Eutsey</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Cherylann Wineinger</i>	<b>Grades 4 &amp; 5</b> <i>David Lord</i>

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



Sunday,  
September 1

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Leslie Archbold; Mrs. Gloria Denson; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Colin Cato; Ms. Linda Hoskin; Mr. Lavon Kinsey, Sr.; and Mr. & Mrs. Pierre & Michalea Smith.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Lee Ann Reeves & family, Jackson, TN; Ms. Regina Mayne, Stuart, FL; and Mrs. Mildred Richey, Okeechobee, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday (September 8th)

Verdell March  
Katie Sproule

Monday (September 9th)

Jennifer Walker

Tuesday (September 10th)

Debi Watson

Wednesday (September 11th)

Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (Ann.)

Thursday (September 12th)

Michell Castonguay  
Darin Summerlot

Saturday (September 14th)

Josh Blackmer  
Taylor Hayes



Palm Beach Lakes is gathering funds to help brethren in **four congregations in the northern Bahamas** that were devastated by Hurricane Dorian. We will be using those funds to buy specific supplies that are needed and using a shipping company (owned by brethren in Freeport) to ship the supplies.

If you would like to help, or if you know of others who would like to help, make checks payable to the church, put **"Bahamas Relief"** on the memo line and give to any elder or preacher. If you are mailing the check, please send it to the PBL church at **PO Box 33688, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420.**

**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, September 8**

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer .....Orlando Lolo  
Scripture Reading..... Jimmie Banks  
Presiding at Table ..... Taylor Reeves  
Serve at Table:  
David Brown      Michael Morning  
Chuck Clark      Cody Price  
Dion Hayes      Daniel Wagner  
Namdidie Ikon      Lawrence Williams  
Alternates:  
Jeff Goodale      John Loftis  
Closing Prayer ..... Gary Seames

**Sunday Evening, September 8**

Lead Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ....Lawrence Richardson  
Scripture Reading..... Graysen Hayes  
Presiding at Table.....Dirk Summerlot  
Eddie Gooden  
Nicholas Pietro  
Daniel Swayne  
Closing Prayer ..... Rick Hall

**Wednesday Evening, September 11**

Lead Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation.....Victor Colage  
Family Prayer .....Lawrence Richardson

**Our Record**

Attendance	<u>Sep. 1</u>	<u>Aug. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	229	202
Sun. A.M. Worship	304	314
Sun. P.M. Worship	NA	144
Wed. Bible Study	184	160
Contribution	\$12,744	\$14,639
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$8,694		

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier (Head Usher); Harrison Crotts & Gary Jenkins

Safety Team for this week: David Lord & Darin Summerlot

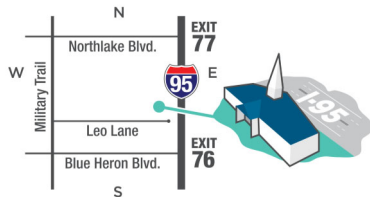




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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