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Welcome New Members



Jean-Baptiste, Tamara

Group 1

Baptized August 14



Contreras, Alex

Group 3

Baptized September 16



Charles, Roselette

Group 3

Identified September 22

Congregation-Wide

Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's-Door Day

Saturday, October 5



By Dan Jenkins

Entering and Leaving Our Gethsemane

Perhaps as we meditate, we should spend more time with Jesus in Gethsemane. On the night of His betrayal, that garden was filled with intense emotions. Do not just *read* what happened there but take time to *feel* the emotions: the emotions of the sleeping disciples whom Jesus rebuked; the emotions of Judas as he betrayed the Lord; the emotions of the mob; the emotions of the disciples as they fled. Above all, share in the emotions of Jesus.

They entered Gethsemane, and He left eight apostles and took Peter, James and John with Him to another place. These three men then saw something they had never seen. Their Lord had always seemed so strong and powerful, but now in their presence, “He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed” (Matt. 26:37). They saw Him in a way they had never seen Him before. They heard Him say, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

He prayed, then He came and found them asleep. He had asked them to watch with Him, but they failed. His soul was even more burdened, and the Bible described how great this burden was. “And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the earth” (Luke 22:44). He returned to the three dis-

ciples and found them asleep. This time he did not wake them to share His grief and agony with them. He simply returned for the third time and prayed, “Not My will but Your will be done.”

There are at least two ways to look at this simple prayer. One could look at it as though the burden was so great, He was just ready to quit—the fight was not worth it. He was like a frustrated wife or teen who looks at the “master” and throws up their hands and says, “Whatever, I quit. You win.”

However, this is not where Jesus was when He prayed. It is not the prayer of one who had hopelessly fought a losing fight, nor one who had no hope and was driven by circumstances into surrender. It was a prayer of perfect trust. He was talking to His Father He had known eternally. It was a prayer from the heart of One who was loved to a God who is love. He trusted in God and this changed Him.

Notice how He then changed. The mob arrived; the arrest; the mockery of several trials. He entered Gethsemane in gloom and left this garden with calm assurance. He was a victim, but He understood He was a *victorious* victim. What made that difference? What changed a troubled soul in great agony to one of calm assurance? It is simple. He talked to the Father. When you are in despair and you are almost ready to quit, talk to the Father, and His peace will change you and give you the victory.

Jesus entered Gethsemane and was so different when He left. Why?



By David Sproule

Where Is “Your Church” on Sunday?

Different people “go to church” different places on Sunday. That’s pretty obvious, isn’t it? Where is “your church”? That may sound like a simple question, or it may sound like an odd question. Consider this as the context.

In a recent issue of *Sun Sentinel*, there was a Community News report about an event called “Cars & Coffee Palm Beach,” which is “a monthly showcase of thousands of custom, classic and exotic vehicles” in the outlet mall parking lot. But, here is how the article begins.

“There’s nothing like the smell of exhaust fumes with your morning coffee.

“For motorheads, a monthly Sunday meetup at the Palm Beach Outlets is their church and the parking lot is their pew. Yes, Cars & Coffee Palm Beach is a religious experience for car guys (and gals) of all types.

“They pray for a prime parking spot and read from the gospels of Ford, Chevy, Dodge and Lamborghini. They gather to worship vehicles from Audi to Zephyr.

“Doting owners wash and vacuum their rides—a hot rod Sunday best, if you will—in anticipation of their flock of admirers who line the curb with cell phones in hand to catch a

glimpse as they parade in ‘Fast and Furious’ style.

“Whether they’ve been cruising the beach, mudding or peeling out, drivers wash away the sins of the week with a wax job that would make Mr. Miyagi proud.”

The lighthearted comparison between “The Car Show” and “Sunday church” is a sad (but realistic) commentary on our society today. In a very real sense, individuals have made “their church” on Sundays something very different than what the Lord had in mind for His day! The question is, Have you?

Where is “your church” on Sunday? Have you replaced where God wants you to be with “His church” on Sundays (and doing what He wants) with “your church”? Is “your church” in your bed? On the lake? At the beach? On the course? At the game? On the sofa? “The Car Show” is “their church.” What is “your church”?

Too many Christians have replaced “His church” with their own church, and too many have convinced themselves that they are ok. “I deserve this.” “I need this.” “I can’t cope or continue if I don’t do this.” “Going to church is too much for me right now.”

God’s church assembles every first day of the week to worship Him! Do you? Or do you have “your church”?

A monthly Sunday meetup at the Palm Beach Outlets is their church.



By Josh Blackmer

The Psalms, A Balm for the Heart

Have you read the Psalms lately? They contain such striking language, fluid meter, beautiful imagery, and a wide range of emotion. They communicate to the human heart unlike any other form of poetry. In Psalm 86, we see the format of prayer that is repeated in the collection of Psalms.

The psalm begins with a plea to be heard, “Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me” (Psa. 86:1). It is repeated in verse six, “Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And give heed to the voice of my supplications!” We have an innate need to be heard. When we are in distress, we cry out for help. That is no different for the writer of this psalm. He cries out to the One who he knows will help. “In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, for You will answer me” (Psa. 86:7). There is a confidence in the deliverance of the Lord in the heart of the writer. It is as though he has been in this place before, and he is confident that God can get him out again. “For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God” (Psa. 86:10).

The writer, possibly David, says that he is “afflicted and needy” and that his soul needs rescued. “O God, arrogant men have risen up against me, And a band of violent men have sought my life, and they have not set You before them” (Psa.

86:14). How many of us can relate to that concept—to be in a place that there seems none stand with you? Many of God’s servants have been in that very situation. Standing alone against evil. Standing alone for the faith. But, have they ever really been alone? We all hope in what God has promised, “I will never leave you or forsake you” (Deut. 31:6; Heb 13:5).

With a confident expectation that God will provide just what has been asked, he has another request: “Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name” (Psa. 86:11). The servant of God sees the need to be connected to God through His word. As much as he wants to be heard by God, he is willing to listen also. There is a need for us to acknowledge to God that we are listening, that we will obey what He has put in place in our lives. This brings us into unity with the fear of the Lord.

Finally, being confident in the outcome of this prayer the psalmist writes, “Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me” (Psa. 86:17). He wants his life to be an example to those who opposed him. He wants his oppressors to know that it was God that delivered him from their hand. Our answered prayers are not to just relieve us from a burden. They are also a testimony to those around us that God has done this in my life, and He can do it in yours.

Our answered prayers stand as a testimony of a loving God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

We make mistakes

You’ve met a lot of people in your life, right? That means you have met all sorts of different kinds of people. So, who was the last perfect person you met? Do you remember his or her name? The last person you knew who didn’t make any mistakes? Say the name out loud right now. Go ahead. What’s with the silence?

You know a dirty little secret about all of us—a secret that’s not so “dirty” and not so “little.” We all make mistakes!!! All of us! How much better (and more peaceful and less stressful) our lives would be if we would remember that! Could you remember that the next time the person at the drive-thru messes up your order...the next time your spouse forgets to do something he/she was asked to do...the next time your kids make a poor choice...the next time a brother or sister in Christ lets you down...the next time a driver isn’t watching where he’s going...the next time someone who should know better acts like he doesn’t know better? – DS



It doesn’t have to be “a racial thing”

Friends, we are destroying ourselves. We are allowing outside influences to shape our thinking. We are giving others too much control over our minds. We are listening to politicians and media tell us that everything has some kind of “racial over-tone.” But, it doesn’t! And it doesn’t have to!

Every issue does not have a racial slant. Every post doesn’t need a racial flavor. If everything is “a racial thing” to you, that is because you are making it that way—not because it actually is.

Are you a child of God? We need to see things the way our Father sees things. “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34). None! God is ready to “accept” persons from “every nation” or every nationality (10:35)! So should (and must!) we! Our Father commands us to not look at others “with partiality” (Jas. 2:1; cf. Deut. 1:17). He then goes on to say that “if you show partiality, you are committing sin” (2:9). SIN! It doesn’t matter what someone else says, does or looks like! If you are prejudiced against ANY person because of their race, YOU SIN! If you read that and apply it to others but not to yourself, you sin! Please, let’s stop destroying ourselves! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
Adrienne Banks	undergoing medical tests
Jimmie Banks	awaiting a kidney biopsy
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Betty Davis	St. Mary's Hospital (no longer in ICU), NO visitors
Eva Fulton	Savannah Court (room 111) for rehab
Terri Hahn	LaPosada for physical therapy
Judy Lerro	recovering from an outpatient procedure
Willie Smith	recovering from heart surgery
Linda Studer	monthly chemo treatments, undergoing more testing
Ralph Williams	recovering from eye surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	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

Hayes Burleson	June Pack's brother, foot and leg amputated, in rehab
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, recovering from auto accident
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, recovering from melanoma surgery
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer
Bettie McDaniel	Morris McDaniel's mother, recovering from a heart attack
Morris Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, in Heartland (Boca) for rehab
Willie Smith, Sr.	Willie Smith's father, recovering from a blood transfusion

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 29

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

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 5

- ◆ **Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's-Door Day.** All members are encouraged to invite your neighbors and friends to church on Sunday, October 6. Invitations and other evangelism materials can be found in the Lobby.
- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Lake Street** at the Port St. Lucie Community Center (2195 SE Airosa Blvd, PSL 34053). Please wear formal/semi-formal attire. Cost is \$25 (adults) or \$10 (ages 17 and under). Contact Mary Thomas for more details, phone: 305-798-4261.

Sunday, October 6

- ◆ **Friends & Neighbors Sunday.** We will have regular Bible classes at 9:00 a.m. The morning sermon will be "4 Keys to Making the Church God-Centered."
- ◆ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Sunday, October 13

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, October 19

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and decorate your car to hand out candy to the children. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, October 20

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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. at the home of Nicole Freseman. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, October 19

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and decorate your car to hand out candy to the children. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Saturday, November 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at Sarah Collier's home.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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.

Sunday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 19

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High should arrive at 4:00 p.m. to help set up. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Wear your costume! See Sarah, Ivan or Amber to RSVP or bring a food item.

Friday, October 25

- ◆ **Sr. High Fall Fest Lock-In** from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October, 2019

October 6

October 13

October 20

October 27

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Jeff Leslie	Jimmie Banks	Phil Porter	Taylor Reeves	
Scripture Reading	Darin Summerlot	Tim Cox	Eugene Williams	Dan Fuller	
Presiding at Table	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Kevin Weeks	Orlando Lolo	Novel Brown	
Serving at Table:	Ed Buonadonna	Jordan Beasley	Lance Collier	Josiah Blackmer	
	Kirk Crews	Jim Davis	Devin Eutsey	Glen Dawson	
	Max Fonrose	Ed Gager	Tim Fry	Gorman Ericksen	
	Graysen Hayes	Bobby Ingraham	Errol Gower-Winter	Andy Fernandez	
	Chad Morgan	Ken Long	Namddie Ikon	Bill Ingram, Jr.	
	Jim Rogers	Robert Mariano	Gary Jenkins	Daniel Lord	
	David Thorpe	Rick Price	Tim Mahlbacher	John Patrick	
	Daniel Wagner	Vince Rogers	Lawrence Williams	Scott Studer	
Closing Prayer	David Holaday	Richard Watson	David Brown	Joe Maloney	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader		Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	
Opening Prayer		Daniel Swayne	Johnny Davis	Bob Higbee	
Scripture Reading	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service	Marty Williams	David Lord	Willie Smith	
Presiding at Table		Stephen Beliech	L.H. Richardson	Kane Campbell	
Serving at Table:		Eddie Gooden	Nick Pietro	Harrison Crotts	
		Dion Hayes	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Jeff Goodale	
		Tyler Williams	Nahum Villard	Nate Nelson	
Closing Prayer		Dirk Summerlot	Mike Ellis	Henry Williams	

Alternates:					
	Mike Damron	Dick Kelley	Cam Crotts	Chuck Clark	
	Chris Thompson	Paul Metzkes	Dan McLeod	Richard Lerro	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman

Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Oct. 6 & 9	Oct. 13 & 16	Oct. 20 & 23	Oct. 27 & 30	
Head Usher	Rick Hall →				
	Glen Dawson	Morris McDaniel	Josiah Blackmer	Jimmie Banks	
	Dick Kelley	Cody Price	Mike Erickson	Dan McLeod	
Safety Team	Victor Colage	L.H. Richardson	Darin Summerlot	Kirk Crews	
	Jerry Pittman	Shaun Tyson	Seth Watson	Nahum Villard	

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

Call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Sunday,
September 22

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Taylor Johnson; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Jean Pieros; Carlos & Angela Romero; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Bryan Austin, Highlands Ranch, CO; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Ms. Serena Brown, Sean & Lance, Freeport, Bahamas; Miss LaDon Cruz; Miss Jasmyne Echevarria, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jared & Lena Gaines & Sadie, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Ann Graham, Keystone Heights, FL; Ms. Kenna Hardy; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. Scott Kelley, Jacob & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mrs. Cathryn Payne, Oneida, TN; Mr. & Mrs. David & Gina Scott, Cutler Bay, FL; Alee Shirrell, Palm City, FL; Miss Gabryelle Sonoda, Edmond, OK; and Ms. Greta Strachan, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas.



Dear Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you so much for your calls and prayers. Still having trouble walking. Continue to pray for me. Miss all of you very much.

Sincerely,
Chuck Norton



Sunday (September 29th)

Angelica Fernandez

Thursday (October 3rd)

Chuck Clark
Kathy Nelson

Tuesday (October 1st)

Louise Phillips
Robin Stone

Saturday (October 5th)

Rosa Nash

Wednesday (October 2nd)

Joel Ramirez

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 29

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Jerry Hopkins
Scripture Reading L.H. Richardson
Presiding at Table Robert Mariano
Serve at Table:
Jim Davis Rick Hall
Gorman Ericksen Jeremy Maloney
Devin Eutsey Nate Nelson
Jeff Goodale Scott Studer
Alternates:
Kane Campbell Richard Watson
Closing Prayer Novel Brown

Sunday Evening, September 29

Lead Singing TBD
Opening Prayer TBD
Scripture Reading TBD
Presiding at Table TBD
TBD
TBD
TBD
Closing Prayer TBD

Wednesday Evening, October 2

Lead Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Richard Watson
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sep. 22</u>	<u>Aug. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	228	220
Sun. A.M. Worship	342	332
Sun. P.M. Worship	181	168
Wed. Bible Study	193	186
Contribution	\$16,205	\$15,818
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$7,066		

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier (Head Usher); Stephen Beliech & Joe Maloney

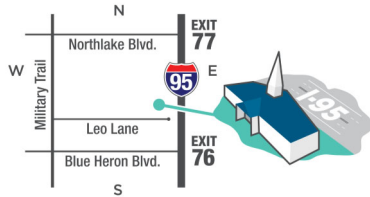
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne & Nahum Villard



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.

Front Cover: Roderick McLeod & Caleb Beliech

4 KEYS to Making the Church



Sunday, October 6