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- \*Dan Fuller ..... 478-3755
- Jerry Hopkins ..... 434-4188
- Phil Porter ..... 575-4782
- Richard Watson..... 307-2608
- \*Chairman for the Month of December

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- Dan Jenkins ..... 744-4559
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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- Mike Archer ..... 422-2995
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- Novel Brown ..... 848-6988
- Chuck Clark ..... 627-4132
- Victor Colage..... 719-1490
- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
- Kirk Crews ..... 339-9283
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- Dick Kelley..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie..... 744-3444
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**Top 5 Things I'm Thankful For:**

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**Ladies' Soup Supper**

**Thursday, December 5**

Join us for our annual Ladies' Soup Supper hosted by Traci Sproule at 6:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board, and bring an ornament to exchange.



By Dan Jenkins

## A New Way of Looking at the Devil?

My grandfather, John Acel Jenkins, was an amazing person. He preached the gospel for over 50 years while supporting himself as a wallpaper hanger and a barber. As far back as I remember, he and my grandmother lived about a block away, and I spent lots of time with him in my early years. His great spirituality is reflected in the heritage of “Jenkins” preachers who have carried on his spiritual values.

I remember when I was beginning to be able to read that I loved reading the Bible. He would often give me something to discover in the Bible and even though I found the right answer, he had another “answer” based on his personality. For example, I remember him asking me who the first farmer was in the Bible. Because of the Bible classes at the West Huntsville church, I likely knew the answer, but he told me to go to the Bible and find the answer. It did not take long to read those first four chapters of the Bible and learn that it was Cain. So, with my Bible opened to Genesis 4:2, I went to him. His reply, “Wrong answer.” I read those chapters again, and I went back to prove he was wrong. I finally gave up, and his witty answer was, “Adam was the first farmer. He raised ‘Cane.’”

He once asked me where baseball was found in the Bible. I tried to find it but finally gave up. He told me it was

mentioned first in Genesis 1:1. I read it but did not see it until he said, “Baseball is mentioned in the first verse when it mentions ‘the big inning.’” He helped me learn how to research things in the Bible.

One other lesson he taught me was to think about how you spell devil. It was obvious, so I spelled it correctly to him. He then asked what I would have if I took the first letter off the word devil. I got that one right. The word devil without the “D” is evil. He spent some time talking about evil and how it is all related to the devil.

**I wish all grandfathers would have the impact my grandfather had on me.**

“What would you have if you took the first two letters off devil. His answer (using his unusual wit) was, “Remove the ‘DE’ from devil, and you have ‘vile.’” He then spent time reminding me that is what Satan is and what he brings to us and you must never forget it. What if you remove the “DEV” from devil? You have “ill” and all the spiritual sickness there is in the world comes from Satan. Remove “DEVI” and what do you have? When I said, “L,” he asked what that rhymes with, and it did not take long for me to guess, “It rhymes with hell.” He reminded me that place is prepared for the devil and his angels.

He also asked me where football and tennis were found, but I will leave it up to you to find. Thank God for my grandfather teaching me the joy of discovering things in the Bible. I hope all grandfathers can do this for their grandkids.



By David Sproule

## “I Just Feel”

Feelings are wonderful things. They are able to get down inside of us and touch us in ways that we cannot explain. Falling in love involves your feelings. Witnessing the birth of your child involves your feelings. Cheering your favorite team to victory involves your feelings. Feelings can be good, and feelings can be bad. What we like most is when our feelings make us “feel good.”

The trouble with our feelings is (or, at least, one major trouble with our feelings is) that they cannot be trusted as a reliable authority. How often have feelings for a person led someone in the wrong direction? How often have feelings for a stock or investment led someone in the wrong direction? Feelings are wonderful, but they cannot be used as our authoritative guide toward truth and pleasing God.

Don’t misunderstand. While some have tried to divorce feelings from Christianity, such would be a catastrophic mistake. Our feelings (or call it, “emotions”) are involved in our worship—we must worship “in spirit” (John 4:24). Our feelings are involved in our salvation—the removal of sins brings “rejoicing” (Acts 8:39). Our feelings are involved in our study of God’s Word—it is “sweet” to the soul (Psa. 119:103). But, feelings are not a trusted guide in these arenas.

**Feelings are wonderful, but they cannot be our authoritative guide**

Can you hear Nadab and Abihu saying, when they learned that their efforts to worship God were not acceptable to Him, “But, we just feel in our hearts that this is the way that God wanted us to worship Him!”? Could their feelings have superseded the divine will regarding acceptable worship? Of course not! They were punished, regardless of their feelings.

Can you hear Agrippa saying, when he was pressed by Paul to obey the gospel, “But, I just feel in my heart that I’m ok. I believe in God. I believe His word. I just don’t feel that becoming a Christian is necessary for me”? Could his feelings have overridden the divine will regarding God’s plan of salvation? Of course not! He left Paul and turned his back on God’s salvation.

Can you hear the Pharisees saying, when Jesus told them that they rejected the commandment of God by holding to their traditions, “But, we feel in our hearts that the way we’ve always done things has been good enough for us, and so many lives have been changed for the better”? Could their feelings have overruled the divine will for their lives? Of course not! They would be uprooted by God for causing others to fall into the ditch.

To let our feelings dictate what we believe and what we consider truth is dangerous in any field of life, but most especially when it comes to our souls! Brethren, let us “buy the truth,” and “not sell it” out to our feelings (Prov. 23:23)!



By Josh Blackmer

## Be Nice

"I find it easy to portray a businessman. Being bland, rather cruel and incompetent comes naturally to me" (John Cleese). It is easy to be mean, and the world makes it easier. Life seems to be a gauntlet of rude awakenings, playground politics, the rage of rush hour, the push-and-shove along the corporate ladder, and the snippy bickering of a thousand petty conflicts can thoroughly trample any sunny disposition you may have once possessed as a child. It seems inevitable that we will be formed into a scowl. After receiving our fair share of mistreatment, we can end up approaching life with a preemptive, chronic frown. We brace ourselves for unkindness, and we are slowly transformed into a grouch.

Not so, for a Christian. A Christian must resist this darkening of the demeanor (Col. 3:12). A Christian doesn't indulge in the pettiness of the world. A Christian is known for kindness (Gal. 5:22). It's not an optional accessory. If you're a Christian, then that means you are kind. A Christian is loving. It's what defines him (1 John 3:10). The difference is obvious. Those who truly belong to God are loving, in particular, toward other Christians. This means unkindness can be a deal-breaker. As far as Jesus is concerned, we can't draw the line anywhere. Even when it comes to our very enemies, the appropriate response is love (Matt. 5:44). He goes on to ex-

plain that there's nothing necessarily admirable about loving the loveable (Matt. 5:46). There's nothing unusual about loving the loveable. Loving the unlovable, that's where you'll find a Christian.

You'll also notice there are no excuses. 1 John 4:7 doesn't say, "Beloved, let us love one another unless you're in a really bad mood." Ephesians 4:32 doesn't say, "Be kind to one another unless the other person is unkind to you first or if we have a genetic disposition for anger in your family." Scripture is not open to our good reasons. It might be difficult, it might feel downright impossible, but we are commanded to be kind to everyone.

### Action without love is easy.

Love is the key ingredient. If we remove it from any situation, we are reduced to nothing more than an irritating noise (1 Cor. 13:1). If we do not love, we degrade our position. Even if we're right, we're wrong because we didn't set out to do the right thing with love. For a Christian, at the heart of every action is a basic question. When dealing with conflict and annoying personalities and even your enemy, it comes down to this very simple question. Do you love them? This question would stifle gossip, deception and maliciousness. This is the first brick that goes into place determining everything else. Love, or the lack of it, will determine whether or not any action we take after that is godly or not. Action without love is easy.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The ground of a rich man yielded plentifully

So, does God take care of the rich people, too? The way that "rich people" are villainized today, one might think that God should be "for" the poor and "against" the rich. But, that's not the way that it works at all.

In Luke 12, Jesus told the parable of "a certain rich man," and it says that his "ground...yielded plentifully" (12:16). While the rich man lived on that "ground," the ground actually belonged to God! And when that rich man properly prepared that soil and planted the seed, God's ground did the same thing for that rich man as it would have done for a poor man. It yielded plentifully! God's natural goodness shines forth and descends upon all people, without partiality (Matt. 5:45). He does not hold back natural good from those who may not agree with Him, nor does He limit how much one may profit from His natural order and natural goodness.

Thank God for His impartiality! May we learn to "be sons of our Father" and be like Him! – DS



### Who should we listen to?

"Well, you know. If the preacher says it, then it's got to be true. I'll just go with whatever the preacher says. He knows what he's talking about." How many have said (or at least thought) such words? Too many.

The truth is that every preacher is subject to error. Every one of them! They are human, and as such, they are capable of saying something (intentionally or unintentionally) that is not in harmony with God's Word. So, what are we supposed to do?

When Jesus was transfigured in Matthew 17, the great lawgiver (Moses) and the great prophet (Elijah) appeared with Jesus and were talking with Him. When Peter wrongly elevated Moses and Elijah to equal tabernacle level with Jesus, "a voice" from heaven pointed at Jesus and said, "Hear Him!" (17:5). Every single thing that we hear needs to be run through Jesus—i.e., through His New Testament! Don't believe everything you hear! Only "hear" what is in harmony with what you "hear" from His Word! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	undergoing rehab at home
<b>Betty Davis</b>	in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please
<b>Samantha Eutsey</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	recovering at home
<b>Shirley Hopkins</b>	in Waterford for rehab
<b>Mary Jackson</b>	undergoing rehab on her hip
<b>Sandy Mann</b>	recovering from elbow surgery
<b>Charles Norton</b>	at home, under Hospice Care
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	PBG Med. Ctr. (rm 251), blood pressure & kidney issues
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	in Signature Health Care, rehab on her hip
<b>Giselle Smith</b>	dealing with sickle cell crisis
<b>Willie Smith</b>	dealing with a complication from his heart surgery
<b>Linda Studer</b>	chemo treatments every 3 weeks
<b>Cherylan Wineinger</b>	scheduled for surgery on December 12

## Long-Term Health Issues

**Lillian Bankston** dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Charles Norton
Dianne Frye	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe Holland	Patricia Ventress

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Ron Fernander</b>	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
<b>Ann Freseman</b>	Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from hip surgery
<b>Freddie King</b>	Nadia King's father, in the final stages of cancer
<b>Benjamin Smith</b>	Mary Brown's brother, back at Darcy Hall rehab
<b>Darlene Smith</b>	Willie Smith's mother, undergoing rehab on her knee

**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, December 1

- ◆ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

## Thursday, December 5

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Sunday, December 8

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

## Friday, December 13

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

## Wednesday, December 25

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. All classes (children and adults) will meet together in the Auditorium.

## Tuesday, December 31

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:30 p.m. Regular Bible classes will meet for children and adults (instead of Wednesday night), then New Year's Eve Gathering will follow.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite games to play and some personal snacks for yourself. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, January 1

- ◆ **No Midweek Bible Study.** Meet on December 31.

## Sunday, January 5

- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

## Sunday, January 12

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

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

## Sunday, December 1

- ◆ **YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.

## Thursday, December 5

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Friday, December 6

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

## Friday, December 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Monday, December 30

- ◆ **Young Adult Mini-Golf** at 7:00 p.m.



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

## Sunday, December 1

- ◆ **Deadline to Order Shirts for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Cost is \$15 for t-shirts, \$20 for sweatshirts and \$25 for hoodies. Sign up in the Sr. High Room.
- ◆ **YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Challenge Youth Conference Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$50 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.

## Friday, December 6

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

## Sunday, December 8

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

## Saturday, December 14

- ◆ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Taylor & Natalie Reeves.

DECEMBER:



## To the Eternal Prize of Heaven

*"I press toward **the goal for the prize of the upward call** of God in Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 3:14)*

*"For our citizenship is in **heaven**, from which **we also eagerly wait** for the Savior, the  
Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20)*

*"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives **the prize**? **Run**  
in such a way that you **may obtain it**." (1 Corinthians 9:24)*

*"**Looking for and hastening** the coming of the day of God...looking forward to these  
things, **be diligent** to be found by Him in peace" (2 Peter 3:12-14)*

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
November 24

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Terrence & Dionne Breaux; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. John & Margarita Bells, Gainesville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Vickie Fry & family, Lebanon, TN; Miss Lauren Fuller, Savannah, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patricia Hall, Maury City, TN; Ms. Jean Holsapple, Blairsville, Ga; Mr. Lemuel Jackson, Tucker, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jesse & Mary Jackson, Albany, GA; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Abaco Bahamas; Mrs. Julia Smith, Wingate, NC; and Mrs. Margie Williams, Blue Bell, PA.

## News & Notes

**House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** will be on Sunday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come before evening services and help out.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

<u>Monday (December 2nd)</u> Pat Brown Steward Lynch	<u>Thursday (December 5th) cont.</u> Janice Osborne
<u>Wednesday (December 4th)</u> Sandra Daniels Guadalupe Tipton	<u>Friday (December 6th)</u> Cara Blackmer
<u>Thursday (December 5th)</u> Adrienna Gadson	<u>Saturday (December 7th)</u> Jeannie Buonadonna Deltom Lequernaqué

## 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, December 1

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Johnny Davis  
Scripture Reading..... Freddie Gadson  
Presiding at Table ..... Paul Metzkes  
Serve at Table:  
    Andy Anderson     Robert Mariano  
    Glen Dawson     Daniel Swayne  
    Max Fonrose     Nahum Villard  
    Rick Hall     Marty Williams  
Alternates:  
    Ivan Villard, Jr.     Kevin Weeks  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Archer

### Sunday Evening, December 1

Lead Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Jimmie Banks  
Scripture Reading..... Simon Tyson  
Presiding at Table..... Dan Fuller  
    David Brown  
    Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
    Scott Studer  
Closing Prayer ..... Tom Martens  
**Wednesday Evening, December 4**  
Lead Singing ..... Graysen Hayes  
Invitation..... Tyler Williams  
Family Prayer ..... Taylor Reeves

### Our Record

Attendance	<u>Nov. 24</u>	<u>Oct. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	192	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	288	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	115	146
Wed. Bible Study	163	168
Contribution	\$13,620	\$14,466
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$18,000		

Ushers for this week: Lawrence Williams (Head Usher); Bob Higbee & David Thorpe

Safety Team for this week: Jerry Pittman & Shaun Tyson

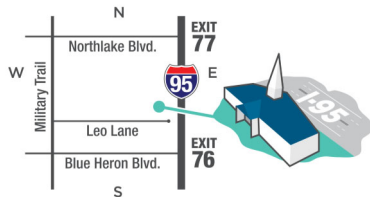




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

Front Cover: Carolyn Lord, Lisa Metzkes & Kayleigh Higbee Teaching VBS 2017

*Enter through the narrow gate;  
For the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction,  
And there are many who take it.  
For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life,  
And there are few who find it.*

*Matthew 7:13-14*

