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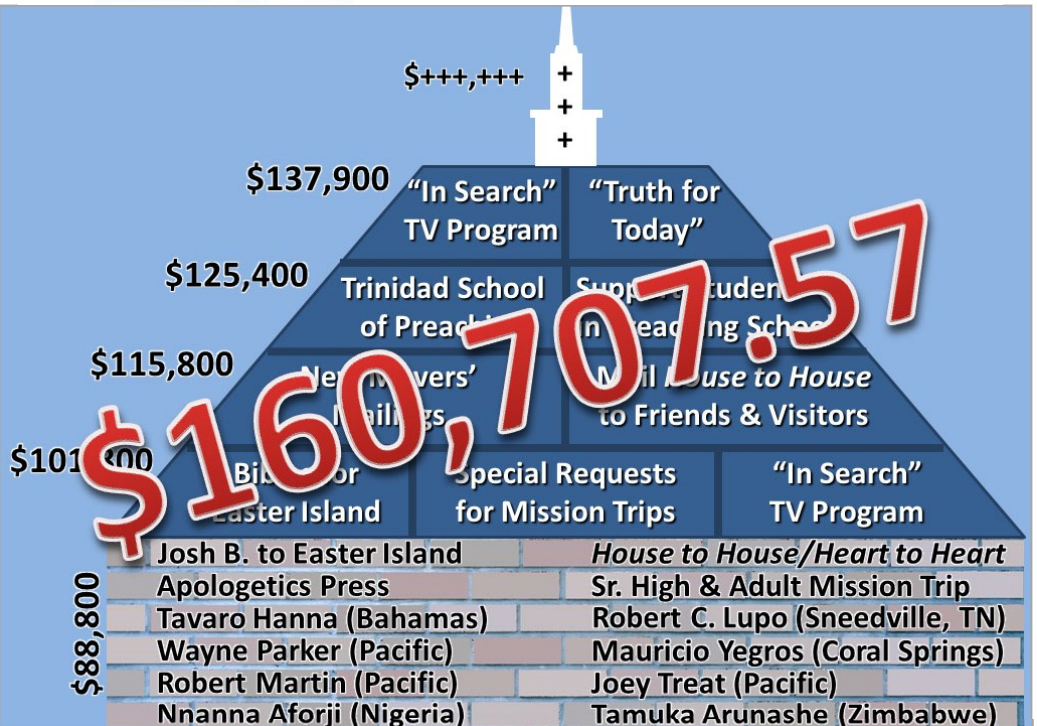
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# MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



**TO GOD Be the Glory**



By Dan Jenkins

## Who Gets the “Family Farm”?

It was that impromptu question from a listener which allowed Jesus to teach one of life’s greatest lessons. In Luke 12, we read of a massive, innumerable crowd where people were trampling over each other just to listen to Jesus (v. 1). At one point, when Jesus paused, a person spoke up to the Master and said to Him, “Tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me” (v. 13). The death of a parent often creates strife among the family, and this person knew that Jesus would settle the matter. Jesus did settle that matter but not in the way anyone expected.

He first told the man that His purpose was far greater than just to be a judge or arbitrator over such matters, and He spoke to that multitude. He showed the real problem in that family squabble was not just a legal matter. The Lord’s view of this matter? “Beware of covetousness” (v. 15). Who “gets the farm” is meaningless, for, as Jesus said, “A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” That person who asked the question thought all that mattered was “the family farm,” and Jesus said that “the farm” has no value when we look at the real purpose we are on this earth.

He then illustrated this truth by telling the story of the rich farmer whose harvest had given him great wealth. That

man’s view of life was so wrong. He thought that his life consisted of his business skills. With a heart filled with foolish pride, he made plans to build bigger barns because he looked to his future and it was so bright. He now had “...many goods laid up for many years” (v. 19). The future was so bright. He had worked hard and now he could “retire” and enjoy what he had earned. His words? “Take ease; eat, drink and be merry.” You know the rest of the story—he died within hours of saying this!

### The death of a parent often creates strife among the family over the inheritance

Jesus then asked a question worth noting: “Then whose shall these things be?” They definitely were not the farmer’s, for he died. They were not his children’s, for they too would eventually die. Neither were they his grandchildren’s! The truth is that they never were possessed by any mortal. “The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof” (Psa. 24:1).

Jesus’ view of one’s possessions was so different from that of the farmer. The farmer saw them as many goods laid up for many years. Jesus saw them as “things.” The truth is that all of life’s treasures are simply “stuff.” Gather all the “stuff” on this earth, all its silver and gold, and compare it to the value of your soul (Matt. 16:26).

The farm and all earthly possessions were the Lord’s before the farmer was born and were His after he died. Jesus called the farmer a fool. Check your values. Do not be a fool!



By David Sproule

## We Can’t Be Friends!

One of the greatest compliments paid to anyone in the Bible is found in James 2:23. As in other New Testament contexts, when the subject of faith is discussed at length, the great patriarch of faith from the Old Testament—Abraham—is called out as a man to emulate.

In the context of James 2, the inspired writer was explaining the Biblical nature of true faith. James emphasized that “faith [that] does not have works” cannot “save” a man (2:14), for “faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (2:17). To illustrate (and prove) this point, James called to mind how Abraham was “justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar” (2:21). He then asked, “Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?” (2:22). Abraham was a man of true faith, for his faith was evidenced by and punctuated by his works. He would have never considered for one moment that his relationship with God could be established or maintained by having “faith only” (2:24), but only when his faith was put into action.

In verse 23, God told James to write that Abraham “was called the friend of God.” God looked at Abraham and said, “That’s my friend.” What a thought! The trust, devotion,

commitment and love that Abraham had for God was evident in his life. He wanted to be God’s friend, and he made every effort to demonstrate that to his heavenly friend.

Only 25 verses later, James wrote about being friends with someone else. How interesting that in one book we read about being a friend of God, and then we read about a totally different friendship. Read this carefully: “Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (4:4).

### It’s not merely that you can’t be His friend...

What a contrast between being “the friend of God” in 2:23 and “an enemy of God” in 4:4! What makes the difference? God says, “If you’re going to be friends with the world, then we can’t be friends!” If you’re going to be more interested in what the world thinks than what God thinks...If you’re going to be more desirous of the world’s attention, accolades and approval than you are of God’s...If you’re going to long to hang out with and spend more time with the world than you long to be with God...then you cannot be God’s friend! But, it’s even worse than that! It’s not merely that you can’t be His friend, but in actuality, you are His enemy!

As James’ brother, Jesus, said, “No one can serve two masters” (Matt. 6:24). You must choose! Do you want the world to be your friend, or do you want God’s friendship?



By Josh Blackmer

## Stand in Awe of My Name

In the book of Malachi, God chastises the priests. They had not been acting in accordance with the covenant. God spoke concerning Levi through Aaron, “My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me and stood in awe of My name” (2:5). We see awe and reverence as something God desires from those who serve and worship Him. He specifically mentions a sense of wonder and awe for His name. To hold in reverence the name of someone means to place great respect on every aspect of that person. Let’s look at some of the names that are used for God in the Old Testament.

In the moment that Abraham would've faithfully sacrificed his son, his hand was stayed (Gen. 22:10-14). What Abraham had been telling his son came to pass. The Lord had provided a ram caught in the thicket as a sacrifice. Abraham called that place Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord will provide.

The psalm that most know best begins with these words, “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want” (Psa. 23:1). David, a shepherd in his youth, knew the work of the shepherd was to provide for his flock. That means caring for it and defending it. So, when the Lord is mentioned as a shepherd, Je-

hovah-Raah, it is no wonder that we find such comfort.

The people led by Moses had just crossed the Red Sea and were being led into the wilderness of Shur (Ex. 15:22-27). They had been three days in the wilderness and found only bitter water. The people cried out. The Lord showed Moses a tree that was to be thrown into the water, and it was made clean. Then the Lord said, “If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer” (v. 26). They knew the plights which the Egyptians had suffered. That is why God calls Himself Jehovah-Rapha. Things were going to be much better with God as long as they kept His statutes.

**These are a few of the many names of our Lord.**

These are a few of the many names of our Lord, each praising Him for different attributes. Bringing these names into focus when we contemplate who God is should help us to be in reverential awe of Him. Just as Thomas stood in awe before the Christ as He said, “Reach here with your finger, and see my hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side...” (John 20:27-28). Thomas responded, “My Lord and My God!” The Lord makes a point to speak to the millions of believers that would come later, “Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet believed.”

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Love being loved or being in love?

It is important for young people and young couples (although it is not exclusive to those who are young) to understand and appreciate the difference between (1) loving the fact that someone loves you and (2) actually being in love with someone (exclusively) to the point of wanting to put him/her and his/her needs above your own for the rest of your life. This is critical to assess in your own heart before committing to marry and devoting yourself to someone!

But, consider that this applies to your relationship with God, as well. Are you in a relationship with God and wanting to be with Him because (1) you love being loved by Him and receiving all the benefits that come with that or (2) because you truly love Him and want to put Him and His desires above your own for the rest of your life? The first is focused on a relationship with God because of (1) what I get out of it, rather than (2) what I can give to Him.

Take a measurement. Why do you love? Why do you love who you love? – DS



### Do you love a good banquet?

When you think of a banquet, what comes to mind? Do you think of a great time, with great people and great food? If you were given the choice (when it comes to a nice banquet), would you rather (1) be served at a table or be the one serving? (2) eat a delicious meal or prepare and serve the meal? (3) drink an iced beverage or pour the drinks? (4) leave a mess on the table or clean up the mess? (5) be the guest of honor or be the one honoring the guests?

Generally, at a banquet, there are two “classes” of people—the guests and the servers. Which would you rather be? Most of us (if given the choice) would probably rather be served than to be the one serving. But, consider what Jesus had to say. First, if you are an invitee, “Sit down in the lowest place” (Luke 14:10). Second, the “greatest” ones are not the people in seats of honor, but the ones in a place in insignificance, who are serving (Matt. 20:26-27). After all, that’s the place that Jesus took (20:28). If serving was not above Him, it is not above us! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Skye Brown</b>	undergoing therapy on her arm
<b>Betty Davis</b>	recovering at home
<b>James Green</b>	undergoing physical therapy on broken shoulder
<b>Shirley Hopkins</b>	at home and slowly improving
<b>David Lord</b>	suffering with rheumatoid arthritis
<b>Gwen Lyons</b>	surgery on a broken bone in her back was postponed
<b>Sandy Mann</b>	having elbow replacement surgery on Jan. 31
<b>Winifred Patterson</b>	recovering from her cataract surgeries
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	undergoing rehab on her leg
<b>Chuck Reeves, Sr.</b>	dealing with severe back problems
<b>Mary Reeves</b>	recovering from her neck & back surgery, improving
<b>Linda Studer</b>	having chemo treatments every 3 weeks (next is Feb. 6)
<b>Marie Thorpe</b>	dealing with pain from a pinched nerve in her back
<b>Ralph Williams</b>	recovering from surgery

## Long-Term Health Issues

**Lillian Bankston** dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



We extend our **deepest sympathy** to **Victor Colage, upon the passing of his father, Victor Colage, Sr., on Saturday, January 25.**

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Ron Fernander</b>	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
<b>Janie Floren</b>	Josie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancer
<b>Difical Geffrard</b>	Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized last week
<b>Edward Kelley</b>	Dick Kelley's brother, not doing well
<b>Geraldine Marshall</b>	Betty Sanders' sister, inoperable gallbladder issues
<b>Doug Philips</b>	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine

**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, February 2

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

## Monday, February 3

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, February 4

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

## Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ◆ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Cost is \$40. Register online at [www.cf Biblecamp.org](http://www.cf Biblecamp.org).

## Saturday, February 8

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Gifford** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bessie Lorenzo will be speaking on "A Rose Among Daisies." See the bulletin board for more details.

## Sunday, February 9

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

## Sunday, February 9 (cont.)

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

## Friday, February 14

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

## Saturday, February 15

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 5:00 p.m. for PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years. RSVP by February 12 to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard. Tickets are \$5 (pay at the door).

## Sunday, February 16

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

## Monday, February 17

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

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## Tuesday, February 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. Bring sides, desserts and drinks.

## Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip.** See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.

## Friday, February 14

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

## Monday, February 17

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Saturday, February 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



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**Youth**

## Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip.** See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.

## Saturday, February 8

- ◆ **Valentine's Play Date for Grades 5 & Under** at 11:00 a.m. at PGA National Park (West Pavilion). Please bring your own picnic lunch. RSVP by February 5 to Taylor or Natalie Reeves.

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# 2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



“BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS YOU SEE” **LUKE 10:23**

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*February*

**SEE  
POTENTIAL**

*“See the end intended by the Lord”  
(Jas. 5:11)*

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
January 26

Thank You notes

Thank you for all the cards and prayers for my brother, and the beautiful flowers that were sent to his funeral. We all appreciate your kindness so much.

Sincerely,  
Josie & Glen Dawson  
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Thank you for the flowers, cards and prayers after the passing of our brother.

Christene Bean & Loretta James

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Tunde Akingbade & Madison; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Gabriel Cutrer; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. John Judd; Ms. Suzette McQueen & Jade; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Joy Judd, Greer, SC; Mrs. Ginger Holliday, Boca Raton, FL; Scott, Jacob, & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Mr. & Mrs. Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Cindy Shafor, Dorr, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Pat Steele, Paden City, WV; and Mr. & Mrs. Leon & Marie Weeks, Valdosta, GA.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Sunday (February 2nd)  
Gai Ingram

Monday (February 3rd)  
Jennifer Goodale

Tuesday (February 4th)  
Novel & Mary Brown (Ann.)  
Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter (Ann.)  
Rashana Green  
Lily Lolo  
Deidra Miley

Wednesday (February 5th)  
Glen & Josie Dawson (Ann.)  
Mike & Tasha Ellis (Ann.)  
Joel & Jessica Ramirez (Ann.)  
Maurine Reed

Thursday (February 6th)  
Kenneth Long

Friday (February 7th)  
Connye Plouffe

**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, February 2**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Bob Higbee  
Scripture Reading ..... Eugene Williams  
Presiding at Table ..... Gary Seames  
Serve at Table:  
Jordan Beasley Taylor Reeves  
Mike Damron Vincent Rogers  
Freddie Gadson Dirk Summerlot  
Gary Jenkins Lawrence Williams  
Alternates:  
Andy Anderson Chad Morgan  
Closing Prayer ..... Orlando Lolo

**Sunday Evening, February 2**

Lead Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Jerry Hopkins  
Scripture Reading ..... John Loftis  
Presiding at Table ..... Phil Porter  
Lance Collier  
Jeff Goodale  
Jeremy Maloney  
Closing Prayer ..... Tom Martens

**Wednesday Evening, February 5**

Lead Singing ..... Josiah Blackmer  
Invitation ..... Jim Davis  
Family Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale

**Our Record**

Attendance	Jan. 26	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	220	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	321	305
Sun. P.M. Worship	166	135
Wed. Bible Study	195	153
Contribution	\$160,708	\$15,807

2020 Weekly Budget: TBD

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD

Ushers for this week: Novel Brown (Head Usher); Ed Buonadonna & Ivan Villard, Jr.

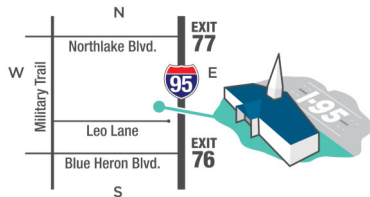
Security Team for this week: Jerry Pittman & Darin Summerlot



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
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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: Connie Tipton, Cara & Vivian Blackmer

## New Bible Classes (FEB. 9 – APRIL 15)

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

The Book of Revelation (Part 2)	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
Song of Solomon	David Sproule (Adult 1)
Young Adults: What God Wants	Gary Jenkins (Adult 3)
Sr. High: Answering Bible Questions	
Jr. High: Acts 1-12: The Beginning of the Church	

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

Ezekiel	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)
The Mind of Christ	Dan McLeod (Adult 1)
Ladies: Coming Back from Failure	Traci Sproule (Adult 2)
Sr. High: Getting to Know the Bible	
Jr. High: The Christian's Responsibility	