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- *Phil Porter 575-4782
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- Dan Jenkins 744-4559
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- Josh Blackmer 319-1418

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- David Brown..... 972-7608
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- Victor Colage..... 719-1490
- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
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Welcome New Members



Judd, John

Group 3

Identified February 2

Making

MY SALVATION

SURE

Gospel Meeting with Eric Owens

MARCH 1-4

Our Gospel Meeting begins in TWO weeks!
Pray about it! Invite others! Be here!



By Dan Jenkins

The Importance of One Individual

Do you remember the words of the song you may have learned years ago entitled, “The Apostle Song”? It is the best way to remember the names of the twelve, but have you ever noticed the opening words? “Jesus called them one by one, Peter, Andrew, James and John...”

He called them, but the emphasis is that He called them one by one. Those four fishermen in the first chapter of Mark, who left their nets to follow Him, obviously had prior knowledge of Him. He called them, but He called most of them one by one.

We think of Jesus teaching large multitudes and are right in doing this, but have you thought His work involved one-on-one conversations with individuals? Look at this list.

He had individual, personal conversations with the Samaritan woman; the woman taken in the act of adultery; Mary outside of her house after Lazarus died; Martha outside of her house after Lazarus died; Matthew as he collected taxes; the one thankful leper; the blind man beside the road in Jericho; Legion, the “wild man” of the Gadarenes; the thief on the cross; the child who was used to teach humility; Zacchaeus in the tree; and likely many others. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, but many times He sought them out individually.

Let me urge you to put this song, or at least its lyrics in your mind today.

How often have we failed to see that, while the Great Commission involves going into all the world, it is most often achieved by taking it to every creature? There is a different emphasis in “all the world” and “every creature.” The commission in our lives always involves personal, individual contact.

Look at that list again, and see how often the contact with others was not planned contact. Jesus walked on this earth, and as He walked He saw the people around Him. Do we see people around us? I am not asking whether we see their physical presence but am asking a far more important question. Do we see the souls of those around us? We see their bodies, but do we see their souls? Jesus did!

Have you ever had a song come to mind and it stayed with you all day? The lyrics just kept coming to mind. Let me urge you to consciously put this song or at least its lyrics in your mind. It is more than 80 years old.

*Lead me to some soul today,
O teach me, Lord, just what to say.
Friends of mine are lost in sin
And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care
And few there are who pray.
Melt my heart and fill my life,
Give me one soul today.*



By David Sproule

Seeds Still Work After 2,000 Years

Researchers recently revealed that they had discovered date palm seeds in some archaeological excavations in the Judean Desert near the Dead Sea. These date palm seeds were dated to be 2,000 years old. Think about that: ancient seeds of date palm trees that were determined to be from

around New Testament times. Questions may have come to mind in finding these seeds: (1) Would the seeds still work? (2) If they still worked, what would they grow? (3) Would they still grow date palms, or would they grow something different than they originally would have?

Whether or not these kinds of questions were actually asked, the results were evident and noteworthy—so noteworthy that worldwide news is being made about these seeds and the resulting saplings. Isn't God's creation amazing! As a believer, you know exactly what would happen in this situation, but it is still refreshing to see God's procreative power at work. You know from the very first chapter of the Bible that a “seed” would yield “according to its kind” (Gen. 1:11). What would come from a date palm seed? Date palms! You would never expect to get anything different. And you never would get anything different. Date palm seeds (no matter how old) produce date palms!

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The spiritual application of this is astounding and very compelling! When Jesus explained the parable of the soils, He told His followers, “The seed is the Word of God” (Luke 8:11). The sower went out to sow. What he was sowing into the hearts of the people was “the Word of God.” Now, whatever the seed produced 2,000 years ago (i.e., whatever the Word of God produced 2,000 years ago) is what the same seed (without any contamination) will produce today!

Read the book of Acts and you find the Word of God being sown everywhere the disciples went, and they were sowing the same seed wherever they went. The seed revealed that Jesus died, was buried and was raised again (1 Cor. 15:3-4), and in response, man must hear, believe, repent, confess and be baptized (Acts 2:37-41). When the seed was planted and watered, the result (when accepted and acted upon) was a New Testament Christian (Matt. 28:19-20+Acts 11:26). Nothing more, nothing less. Those New Testament Christians were all “added” by the Lord to His “church” (Acts 2:41, 47), which was purchased by Christ (Acts 20:28) and established in Acts 2. They were all added to the “one church” (Eph. 4:4), for there was no other church in existence other than Christ's church (having grown from His seed)!

So, what happens when that same seed is sown 2,000 years later? It will produce (and only produce) the same thing!



By Josh Blackmer

Pray with Penitence

The psalms teach us a lot about prayer. Many of them are in the form of a prayer to God about themes that weigh on the human soul. There are prayers of protection, “O LORD, how my adversaries have increased!” (Psa. 3:1). Prayers of praise, “I will extol You, my God, O King, And I will bless Your name forever and ever” (Psa. 145:1). The psalm that we will look at is a prayer of penitence. This psalm is said to have been written by David after Nathan the prophet had confronted him about his sin.

It opens with an appeal to God’s grace: “Be gracious to me, according to your loving kindness... wash me” (Psa. 51:1-2). The writer then acknowledges his sin: “For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me” (Psa. 51:3-6). That is followed with a plea for cleansing: “Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow... restore to me the joy of Your salvation” (Psa. 51:7-12). The psalmist now returns to God with a renewed sense of service: “Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You...Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then young bulls will be offered on Your altar” (Psa. 51:13-19).

The prayer prayed in confidence needs to begin with

“How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven!”

penitence. Only the penitent man will pass. Who among us hasn’t sinned? We acknowledge where we stand with God. “All have sinned” (Rom. 3:23). “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves” (1 John 1:8). That is followed by repentance. There is nothing that we can do to cleanse ourselves. It can only be done because of the sacrifice of God. “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8). With confidence in God to cleanse, combined with our actions of obedience to Him, then we return to Him. It is then that we have a renewed sense of service. The weight of sin is gone! We can come to God with humility, and He can make us whole. “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise” (Psa. 51:17). Much like the short and powerful prayer of the tax collector in the parable of Jesus, “God, be merciful to me, the sinner!” (Luke 18:13).

It is only after we have brought ourselves low before God that He will exalt us. It is then that we say, “How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!” (Psa. 32:1-2). We can be confident in prayer, but we must always be humble and remember the great cost that was paid to be in this relationship with God, our Creator.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

If you ain’t a saint, why not?

It’s disheartening sometimes that we have allowed certain religious groups to redefine how we use Bible words. The word “saint” is one such word. In some circles, a “saint” is one who lived a highly virtuous life and has been responsible for two posthumous miracles. Others think of a “saint” as some perfect person and will exclaim at times, “Don’t look at me! I’m no saint!”

The word “saint” or “saints” is found more than 60 times in the New Testament, and it comes from the Greek word *hagios*, which is also (and more often) translated “holy.” The word “saint” is used as a descriptive word for God’s people, and it emphasizes that one has been separated FROM sin and set apart TO God, to be USED by Him in His service.

Are you a saint? That doesn’t mean, “Are you sinless?” Are you continuing to separate yourself FROM sin? Are you continuing to set yourself apart TO God? And, equally essential, are you being USED by Him in His service? Let’s define and live Bible words in Bible ways! – DS



God’s way is “ten times better”!

Daniel and his three friends were taken as teenagers from their home in Jerusalem and forced into a three-year training program to serve before King Nebuchadnezzar in the foreign (and pagan) land of Babylon. Yet, even as a teenager, “Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself” with the king’s food (Dan. 1:8). The Bible does not tell us the exact reason, but we know that Daniel was determined to follow the law of God and not break it.



After a trial period of not partaking in the king’s provisions, the Hebrew teens were examined by the king and were found to be “ten times better than all” the others in the king’s “realm” (1:20). How was that “ten” times measured? Perhaps it is to emphasize “complete” (by the number ten) superiority over the others who were not following God’s law.

Take that and apply it to your life. By following God’s law and being determined to not defile ourselves with the things of the world, our lives are “ten times better” than anyone else! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Mike Archer | having a procedure in New York on February 17 |
| Lillian Bankston | Rehabilitation Center of the Palm Beaches (room 209) |
| Betty Davis | recovering at home |
| Eva Fulton | swelling in her feet and high blood pressure issues |
| Dave Holaday | recovering from a heart procedure |
| Shirley Hopkins | slowly improving |
| Mary A. Jackson | having hip replacement surgery on February 20 |
| Gwen Lyons | scheduled for back surgery on February 28 |
| Sandy Mann | recovering from elbow replacement surgery |
| Sallie Moses | has not been doing well lately |
| Connye Plouffe | undergoing rehab on her leg |
| Mary Reeves | recovering from her neck & back surgery |
| Willie Smith | back procedure was postponed |
| Linda Studer | Jupiter Medical Center (NO visitors right now) |

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



The family of **Sandra Daniels**, who passed away on Friday, February 7. The funeral is on Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. in our church building.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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|---------------------------|---|
| Ron Fernander | Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center |
| Janie Floren | Josie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancer |
| Difical Geffrard | Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized with edema |
| Edward Kelley | Dick Kelley's brother, not doing well |
| Beverly Michaelian | Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from another fall |
| Doug Philips | Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine |
| Nelson Simpkins | Sam Simpkins' brother, recovering from two heart attacks |
| Travis Simpkins | Sam Simpkins' brother, recovering from a heart attack |

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-Wednesday, February 16-19

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). David Sproule will be speaking on *"He's Coming! Are You Ready?"*

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

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

Thursday, February 20

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Sunday, February 23

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** before evening worship at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come early and help out.

Sunday-Wednesday, February 23-26

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting & Homecoming hosted by Clewiston** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Speakers include Arlin Chapman and Glen Willcut.
- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Tim Dooley will be speaking on *"A Wonderful Savior."*

Wednesday, February 26

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Saturday, February 29

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do!

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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.

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, March 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard.

Saturday, March 14

- ◆ **Jr. High & YA Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Sunday, February 23

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Please bring a dessert or drink.

Thursday-Sunday, February 27-March 1

- ◆ **Challenge Youth Conference** in Pigeon Forge, TN for Grades 8-12. Cost is \$50 per person (plus money for meals). See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, March 6

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



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 ☆ North Lake Nursing Home b Willie Smith | 2 | 3 b John Patrick b Angela Walker | 4 b Glen Dawson | 5 b John Hoelzer | 6 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Susie Cox b Linda Studer | 7 ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street ☆ Young Adult Devo b Justin Maloney b Bob Swayne |
| Gospel Meeting with Eric Owens (March 1st-4th) | | | | Scrap the Weekend at CFBC (6th-8th) | | |
| 8 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Begins ☆ Mt. Dora Coin Cans Available ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Bereather Williams | 9 b Bonnie Quigley | 10 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night | 11 | 12 a Jim & Robin Davis b Marvin Dozier | 13 a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Vivian Blackmer b Leesa Schenk | 14 ☆ Jr. High & YA Bike Riding b Mike Erickson b Michael Morning |
| 15 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship | 16 b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen b Sue Shelt | 17 | 18 | 19 b Dion Hayes | 20 | 21 b Max Fonrose b Yolanda Stewart |
| 22 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart | 23 b Betty Sanders | 24 | 25 | 26 a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Matthew King b Carmen Ruckman | 27 b Jerry Hopkins b Jerry Pittman | 28 |
| 29 ☆ Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods b Martin Barr b Cruz Fernandez | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
February 9



We rejoice with **Melanie Weeks** who was baptized on Wednesday, January 12 before evening services. She is listed in the directory with her family.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday (February 16th)

Andy Anderson
Casey Commander
Pat Parnell
Laura Schuemann

Wednesday (February 19th)

Taylor Johnson

Friday (February 21st)

Lillian Bankston

Monday (February 17th)

Julie Williams

Saturday (February 22nd)

Lester Galloway



To our brothers and sisters who continuously keep us on their prayer list, who have taken the time to mail a card, send an email, and/or text: All of your words of encouragement and well wishes were very thoughtful, especially during our time of bereavement from the death of several of our family members. Your words of comfort were exactly that. We truly believe we are still "coming along" because of the prayers that are laid before the throne of God on our behalf throughout our many health complications, treatments and procedures. With sincere hearts of appreciation we say, "Thank you."
Willie & Giselle Smith

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 16

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Henry Williams
Scripture Reading..... Dan McLeod
Presiding at Table Robert Lupo
Serve at Table:
Jim Davis Tim Mahlbacher
Edward Gager Robert Mariano
Bobby Ingraham David Thorpe
David Lord Tyler Williams
Alternates:
Cam Crofts Dan Fuller
Closing PrayerRick Hall

Sunday Evening, February 16

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Mike Ellis
Scripture Reading..... Kane Campbell
Presiding at Table.....Kevin Weeks
Mike Erickson
Nick Pietro
Jim Rogers
Closing PrayerWillie Smith

Wednesday Evening, February 19

Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation.....Taylor Reeves
Family PrayerJohnny Davis

Our Record

| Attendance | Feb. 9 | Jan. Avg |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 208 | 239 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 383 | 316 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 175 | 176 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 176 | 171 |
| Contribution | \$14,747 | \$16,551 |

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,014

Ushers for this week: Novel Brown (Head Usher); Lance Collier & Gorman Ericksen

Security Team for this week: Mike Damron & Lawrence Williams



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: **Maddon Reeves**

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 *Speaking where the Bible speaks*

 *Silent where the Bible is silent*

 *Calling Bible things by Bible names*

 *Doing Bible things in Bible ways*

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

March 1-4

Gospel Meeting with Eric Owens
Theme: *"Making My Salvation Sure"*

March 29

Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods

April 16

Ladies' Day with Brittany Owens-Davis
Theme: *"Beauty for Ashes"*

April 19

New 10-Week Bible Classes Begin

May 2

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men
Theme: *"Empowered By God"*

May 24

Promotion Sunday