

Elders

*Johnny Davis	307-4232
Dan Fuller.....	478-3755
Jerry Hopkins	434-4188
Phil Porter	575-4782
Richard Watson.....	307-2608

*Chairman for the Month of March

Evangelists

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

Deacons

Mike Archer	422-2995
David Brown.....	972-7608
Novel Brown	848-6988
Chuck Clark	627-4132
Victor Colage.....	719-1490
Lance Collier.....	793-2718
Kirk Crews	339-9283
Cam Crotts	214-3114
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Dick Kelley.....	968-1799
Jeff Leslie.....	744-3444
Paul Metzkes.....	736-9086
Buzz Nelson.....	627-4890
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Making My SALVATION SURE

Gospel Meeting

w/ Eric
Owens



MARCH 1-4

Making MY SALVATION SURE

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 a.m. **The Day Death Died**
- 10:00 a.m. **The Saddest Scene Ever Seen**
- 11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner-on-the-Grounds (All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 12:45 p.m. **Confidence in My Salvation**

Monday, March 2

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **How to Know God**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 1-2 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **The Establishment of the Church**

Tuesday, March 3

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **Who Is God?**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 3-4 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **What Must I Do to Be Saved?**

Wednesday, March 4

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **Living Like God**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **Implications of Salvation**



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: **Eric Owens**

Eric Owens has been preaching the gospel for over 25 years. He has been preaching for the Avondale church of Christ in Decatur, Georgia since 1997, and he has been an instructor for the Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies since 2005. Eric has spoken in numerous gospel meetings and lectureships around the country, and he is the author of five books. Eric and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters and two grandsons.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	recovering at home from his medical procedure
Lillian Bankston	Rehabilitation Center of the Palm Beaches (room 12)
Jordan Beasley	recovering from a successful heart procedure
Karen Bibbee	awaiting a lung biopsy
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Dave Holaday	recovering from a heart procedure
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Jon Jordan	has shingles
Lynne Jorgensen	now at home but is very weak
Bettye King	recovering at home from hip replacement surgery
Gwen Lyons	having back surgery on February 28
Sandy Mann	recovering from elbow replacement surgery
Connye Plouffe	recovering at home
Mary Reeves	recovering from her neck & back surgery
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments every three weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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	



Brenda Collier, upon the passing of her mother, Clara Summerville, on Sunday, February 23.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, suffering with Alzheimer's
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Janie Floren	Josie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancer
JoAnn McNutt	Jackie Stout's sister, fell and broke her hip
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
Steve Stout	Jackie Stout's brother, fell and broke his ankle





By Dan Jenkins

Personal Work Is Personal

It is easy for us to overlook the important role personal conversation has in the conversion of the world. We long for days like that Pentecost when the response to preaching resulted in 3,000 conversions. That was not the normal happening as the church grew. We must never overlook how often lives were changed when Jesus and the apostles had one-on-one conversations with others. The world will always be saved by the preaching of the gospel, but so much of that teaching involves private studies with others.

Jesus changed the lives of so many, but think of the fact that He *personally* talked with others. Is it possible that He changed more lives in personal contact than in His public teaching?

How did Nicodemus learn about Jesus? Obviously, he had heard of Him before he came at night to visit with Jesus, yet the change Jesus wanted him to make came about because of their personal conversation. That conversation changed Nicodemus. He learned about the new birth, which involves water and the Holy Spirit. We may have forgotten that the first person to hear the “Golden Text” of the Bible was this man who talked to Jesus at night! That text begins, “For God so loved the world that He gave...” Important contacts are so important!



By David Sproule

Are You a “Christian,” According to the New Testament?

If you look up the word “Christian” in a dictionary, you will find that the common use of that word today in our nation is “a person who believes in Jesus Christ” or “a person who exemplifies in his or her life the teachings of Christ.” As you consider those definitions, do they match what you think a Christian is? If we did a survey of what is the common idea of what a “Christian” is today, would you consider that to be an accurate definition? Or, would you suppose that the only acceptable understanding (and trustworthy source) of a “Christian” is one that comes from the New Testament, having been given by God Himself? Let’s look at what God tells us.

The word “Christian” is only found three times in the New Testament, and each passage is so instructive. In Acts 26:28, we learn that being a Christian requires a choice—it requires persuasion (involving a conveyance of information) and subsequent action (involving steps that move one from a state of non-Christian to “become” a Christian). In First Peter 4:16, we learn that one who is a “Christian” will live a holy life that may receive negative attention from some individuals, and to which a true “Christian” must respond by glorifying God and not feeling ashamed.

The third passage in which we find the word is Acts

**Jesus possibly
changed more
privately than He
did in public
preaching**

The change in the life of short Zacchaeus did not happen as he talked to Jesus from the branches of the sycamore tree—it came about when Jesus went to his house and talked to him. There are so many who have been converted by private teaching sitting on sofas or around the kitchen tables.

There were ten lepers who met Jesus, but the one touched most was the one who was a Samaritan and who returned to thank Jesus. As he glorified God, Jesus talked to him about his faith and its place in salvation. It is so often in private teaching that one learns the true meaning of faith.

Jesus had individual conversations with Andrew and Peter (John 1:41); with Philip and Nathanael (John 1:43, 45); with John the Baptist about baptizing Jesus (Matt. 3:14-15); with the woman of Samaria (John 4:7); with the woman taken in adultery (John 8:4-11); with Matthew as he collected taxes and later in Matthew’s house (Luke 5:27-29); with the crippled man healed beside the pool, and Jesus later sought him out to teach him (John 5:13-14); and *so many more!*

What do we need to learn from this? It is very simple—private conversations so often change the lives of others. I urge you to pray that God will use you to privately talk to those around you, hopefully changing their lives. Is there any week better than this week to begin doing this!

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11:26, which states, “And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” The word “called” in this passage is the same Greek word used elsewhere in the New Testament of a Divine action (Matt. 2:11, 22; Luke 2:26; Acts 10:22; Heb. 8:5; 11:7). So, the disciples were identified by God and “called Christians” by God. Since the only one who can rightly identify and call someone a Christian is God, how does God say that one “becomes” or is made to be a Christian? Notice that Acts

11:26 reveals that those who are disciples of Christ are given the name of Christ—i.e., “Christian.” How does one “become” a disciple? Let God answer.

While God was on this earth in a human body, He gave this instruction: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19). Well, how is one “made” a disciple? Jesus continued by answering that question with these essentials: “*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you*” (28:19-20). One is made to be a disciple of Christ, and thus made to be a Christian, by being *baptized* according to the *teaching* of the New Testament.

While man may have certain ideas of what a Christian is, it is imperative that we go to the Bible and let God teach us. A “Christian” is one who has made the choice to be baptized and to live a holy life in unashamed service to the Lord.



I, The LORD, Do Not Change”

An absolute truth is an anchor, something that never changes despite the circumstances. God has made our world with millions of constants on which we depend, principles that science later established as laws. The Psalms talk about the Sun always passes in its orbit, and the stars, that man has depended on for thousands of years for travel, have never changed (Psa. 19:4). It would be horrible to imagine living in a world where every day the rules changed. One day there was gravity and the next there was not. One day a boat would float and the next it wouldn't. One minute a plane could fly, the next it couldn't. We would live in terror and confusion. We overlook a blessing of God that everyone shares. God does not change. His world He made does not change. God makes a statement concerning His immutability: “I, the Lord, do not change” (Mal. 3:6). The next verse He says, “From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them” (Mal. 3:7). God says that we are the ones that change. I am thankful that “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” (Num. 23:19).

We can take comfort in the constant nature of God. We can trust that He will always be just. “Therefore the LORD

longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him” (Isa. 30:18). “For the LORD loves justice and does not forsake His godly ones; They are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off” (Psa. 37:28).

We can trust in His faithfulness. “If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself” (2 Tim. 2:13).

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23).

We can trust in His Holiness. “For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, ‘I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite’” (Isa. 57:15). “You shall be holy, for I Am holy” (1 Pet. 1:16).

It is possible for this list to continue. The heart can take comfort in our God that doesn't change. He works with His creation with impartiality (1 Pet. 1:17)—an overlooked blessing in the lives of His saints and in sinners. All of creation receives this blessing from God. He is an anchor, an absolute in the world of men that wish to change, corrupt, and redefine all that God has set in motion.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“I think I should...”

“I think I should talk to people about the gospel. I think I should invite people to worship. I think I should ask someone if they'd like to have a Bible study. I think I should check on and encourage folks from church. I think I should tell the elders how much I appreciate what they do. I think I should study my Bible more often and pray more diligently.” Question: Is thinking I should do something the same as actually doing it? Is it good enough to think it but not do it?

Compare these thoughts: “I think I should eat more vegetables. I think I should get some exercise. I think I should reduce my calorie intake.” We realize that thinking we should do these things is not the same as actually doing them, and no benefit comes until action is taken.

There are things we know that we need to do as a Christian. Knowing is different than doing. May each of us examine ourselves and take this day as an opportunity step out of our comfort zone and act on our knowledge. The best part is that the Lord will help us (Phil. 4:13)! – DS



Delete may be better than send

Have you ever sent an email or text and then thought, “I shouldn't have done that...I shouldn't have said that”? It is so easy today to say things to others—with the simple tap-tap-tap on a keyboard or device—that we should not say at all, and things that we would not normally say with our mouth in person.

The same verses that apply to words from our mouths also apply to words from our fingers. “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips (OR fingers) is wise” (Prov. 10:19). “For every idle word men may speak (OR type), they will give account of it in the day of judgment” (Matt. 12:36). “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue (OR fingers) but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless” (Jas. 1:26).

Our prayer should be, “Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth (AND fingers)” (Psa. 141:3). If it is “one of those messages,” consider hitting Delete before you hit Send. – DS



Church Family *Calendar of Events*

Sunday-Wednesday, March 1-4

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting at Palm Beach Lakes.** Eric Owens will be speaking on "Making My Salvation Sure."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

Sunday, March 1

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

Friday-Saturday, March 6-7

- ◆ **Men's Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person. For more details or to register, visit www.cfbcamp.org.

Friday-Sunday, March 6-8

- ◆ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** For more details or to register, visit www.cfbcamp.org.

Saturday, March 7

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano Beach** from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Sharon D. Pitt will be speaking on "What Do We Communicate?"

Sunday, March 8

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Cans Available in the Lobby.** Pick up a can to fill with change for Mount Dora.
- ◆ **Cancelled: Single Ladies' Luncheon.**
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Friday, March 13

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Young Adults

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

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 Crotts. 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.

Monday, March 16

- ◆ **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.

Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Friday, March 6

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Sunday, March 22

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
February 23



Troy Alberga was baptized on Sunday, February 23 after morning services. His address is in the directory with his mother.

Gabrial Cutrer was baptized on Tuesday, February 25.



Many thanks for the prayers and beautiful cards.

Linda Studer

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Mr. Gabrial Cutrer; Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Sherrie Tibbets; Ms. Debbie Vasco; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss LaDon Cruz; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patricia Hall, Maury City, TN; Scott, Jacob & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mr. Brad Lewis, Columbia, TN; Mrs. Heather Mayne, Cut Off, LA; Miss Regina Mayne, Stuart, FL; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Stan & Gina Meek, Norman, OK; Miss Christina Nonorme, Nassau, Bahamas; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Carolyn Ramsey, Palm City, FL; and Mr. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (March 1st)
Willie Smith

Thursday (March 5th)
John Hoelzer

Tuesday (March 3rd)
John Patrick
Angela Walker

Friday (March 6th)
Susie Cox
Linda Studer

Wednesday (March 4th)
Glen Dawson

Saturday (March 7th)
Justin Maloney
Bob Swayne

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, March 1

Lead Singing	David Sproule
Opening Prayer	Dion Hayes
Scripture Reading.....	Tim Cox
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson
Serve at Table:	
Jordan Beasley	Chad Morgan
Chuck Clark	Vincent Rogers
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Eugene Williams
Richard Kelley	Marty Williams
Alternates:	
Kane Campbell	Jeff Goodale
Closing Prayer	Gary Jenkins

Sunday Evening, March 1

Lead Singing	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dan McLeod
Scripture Reading.....	Rick Hall
Presiding at Table.....	Darin Summerlot
Josiah Blackmer	
Jeff Leslie	
Tyler Williams	
Closing Prayer	Johnny Davis
Wednesday Evening, March 4	
Lead Singing	Robert Lupo
Invitation.....	Eric Owens
Family Prayer	David Sproule

Ushers for this week: Glen Dawson (Head Usher); Andres Fernandez & Paul Metzkes
Security Team for this week: Shaun Tyson & Seth Watson

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Feb. 23</u>	<u>Jan. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	217	239
Sun. A.M. Worship	310	316
Sun. P.M. Worship	147	176
Wed. Bible Study	152	171
Contribution	\$17,412	\$16,551
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,769		



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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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

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).