

Elders

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Welcome New Members



Cutrer, Gabriel

Group 2

Baptized February 25



Tibbetts, Rick & Sherri

Group 1

Identified March 8

The Supply Truck for the Kids
Is Coming the Week of Mar 22.



MOUNT DORA
CHRISTIAN HOME & BIBLE SCHOOL

"Educating for Life and Eternity"

Pick up a list in the lobby of needed supplies.
They can always use toilet paper, paper towels or
gift cards to Sam's Club, Wal-Mart or Publix.



By Dan Jenkins

Looking at the Cross

The way Christians look at the cross of Jesus is vastly different from the way the ungodly look at it. Paul sums it all up in these words, "It pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For the Jews request a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness" (1 Cor. 1:21-23). This is so far removed from the way saints see the cross.

Pagans look at the cross. Every god of every pagan was powerful—more powerful than any man. The very concept of deity being killed by mortals was beyond comprehension. As the early church brought the message of the cross to the entire world, it was foolishness.

Jews look at the cross. They were expecting the coming of the Messiah. Those who understood could see that God had promised to someday send a prophet, priest and king to live among them. With their view of the Messiah, the cross became a stumbling block. One does not have to submit to a king who is so helpless or listen to a mortal who claims to be a prophet. Jesus may have said, "You have heard that it was said, but I say to you..." but who cares what Jesus said, for he is just a man claiming to be someone great. One cannot put their

trust in a priest like Jesus to save them. What was said at the cross sums it up: "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God" (Luke 23:35).

Christians look at the cross. Read the rest of the words of Paul to the Corinthians. "We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." It is truly amazing how differently a pagan, a Jew and a Christian would hear the same sermon. What is the right view? Look at the cross through the eyes of God.

**What do you see
when looking at
the cross
through the eyes
of God?**

Built within God's eternal plan is a weekly communion with Jesus at His table. As you remember Him every week, make sure you truly see who He is. Remember His body and His blood. As you remember Him every week, look at yourself—let a man examine himself. As you remember Him every week, see the future—proclaim His death until He comes.

God has no other message for mankind. The Jews asked for a sign and the only sign given was the cross. The Greeks sought wisdom, but the only wisdom God had for them was Christ crucified. We must never forget the cross and what happened there. A failure to look at the cross, to remember what happened for us, will result in us being "barren and unfruitful and blind" (2 Pet. 1:8-9). See the cross like God sees it!



By David Sproule

Marriage Is No Joke

In our culture today, there is an increasing disrespect and disdain for marriage and for God's perfect plan for it. Some today view marriage as optional, yeah, even old-fashioned. Is marriage one of those things that we should let go—in the same way that we have let go of bell bottom pants, black and white television, and Pluto as a planet? Let's consider some Bible truths.

First, God created man in the beginning. On the sixth day, God made mankind (Gen. 1:26-27). Without God, man would have no existence at all! So, does it not make sense that TO GOD—i.e., to the revelation He has given to us—we must go for all knowledge about life and existence on this earth?

Second, God created male and female in the beginning. When God created the male, He determined to create a close companion for him, for it was "not good that man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). The God who created the male then created the female to complete the male, as a "helper" who was "suitable for" (or corresponding to) the man. Thus, there is something unique to the male/female relationship that can only be achieved therein.

Third, God created marriage for man and woman. Only a male/female couple may enjoy marriage together. God

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said that "a man (i.e., a male) shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife (i.e., a female)" (Gen. 2:24). God created marriage and God created sex (between a male and female), and He inseparably joined marriage and the enjoyment of the sexual relationship (Heb. 13:4). Only a husband and his wife may acceptably engage in any and all sexual activity. God created marriage for the purpose of procreation and population the earth (Gen. 1:28). Only a husband and his wife, once married to each other, are intended to have children. God created marriage to provide completion to the man and the woman (Gen. 2:18, 23), and to help man to have a vivid illustration of the beautiful relationship that exists between Christ and His bride, the church (Eph. 5:22-33).

Let's go back and ask and answer this question: "Is marriage out-of-date and a thing of the past?" Not in the least! 4,000 years after God created marriage, Jesus Himself (God in the flesh, Matt. 1:23; John 1:1-3) pointed back to God's creation of male and female and the marriage relationship "in the beginning" as the firm and unalterable foundation for understanding God's design for mankind (Matt. 19:3-9). If nothing had changed in the first 4,000 years of man's existence, why would we think that it would be any different after another 2,000 years?

Marriage is no joke! God designed it! Let's respect it!



The Pattern of the Glorious Church

It is always helpful to have an example or pattern to follow when making something. Thankfully, God did not leave us up to our own devices and wisdom when creating the church. The New Testament is full of examples and commands for us to follow. We “serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things” (Heb. 8:5). We have a pattern in those that have lived faithfully before us (1 Tim. 1:16). If Christ intends to present to Himself a glorious church, then the question should be asked, “What makes it glorious?” “That He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless” (Eph. 5:26-27). The “Jerusalem church” was a glorious church and worthy of our consideration. We all share the same goal: That is, to be the church that God wants us to be!

There are several attributes of the Jerusalem church that should be named among us. The church was a learning church. “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching” (Acts 2:42). It was a church that fellowshiped (Acts 2:42). It was a church that continued in prayer (Acts 2:42). They were in a sense of awe over how God was working among them (Acts 2:43). It was an active church (Acts

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2:43). It was a sharing church (Acts 2:44-45). It was a unified church (Acts 2:46). It was a worshiping church (Acts 2:46). It was a happy church (Acts 2:46). It was a church admired by all (Acts 2:47). It was a growing church (Acts 2:47). It was a church comprised of only Christians. “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:42-47).

With this and other examples in place, it is clear what is expected of us. If we are to be the church that glorifies God and the One who purchased it, then we should be doing our best to adhere to that pattern. God in Christ has done everything to make His church glorious. We need to do our part in keeping the church as He intended.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Is there noise in your songs?

This illustration may fall flat with the younger generation. Do you remember the analog radios and how you would turn the knob ever so slowly to dial in your station just right? Do you remember as you drove further from the signal how you might start to hear some other station playing completely different music but was mixed in with the song from your home station? Do you remember how frustrating that was and how irritating it was trying to tune out the static?

More than 2,700 years ago, God told His people, “Take away from Me the noise of your songs” (Amos 5:23). Why was God referring to Israel’s songs of worship as “noise”? While Israel was singing the right words in their songs, their lives (and hearts) had gone in a different direction. God was hearing their words, but their lives and hearts were creating static, for He could hear that their hearts did not match their words. Thus, what they were offering Him was “noise.”



No night there!

The first time you read the word “night” in the Bible is on Day One of Creation. God said, “Let there be light” (Gen. 1:3), and “God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night” (1:5). When it wasn’t day (i.e., light), it was night (i.e., dark). From the beginning of time, man has always known of the dark of night. Man has experienced the sadness, the weeping, the fear, the pain, the uncertainty of the night. Some nights are “darker” than others.

Fast forward (quickly!) to the last time you read the word “night” in the Bible. In describing the wonders of heaven, God said, “There shall be no night there...for the Lord God gives them light” (Rev. 22:5). Heaven will be one eternal “day”! There will be no night, no dusk, no hint of darkness at all! There will be no wrapping up today’s activities or “see you tomorrow”! The overwhelming glory of the reward of heaven will never slow, never dim, never pass, never end!

Everything negative that you associate with “night” here will not enter the gates of eternal day! – DS

Do you ever wonder how God hears our/your singing? Is there static/noise in our singing, when God hears our hearts going in a different direction than our words? Is it time for us to dial it

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lillian Bankston	Rehabilitation Center of the Palm Beaches (room 12)
Jordan Beasley	recovering at home from heart procedure
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Ophelia Holmes	in a lot of pain
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Jon Jordan	has shingles and in a lot of pain
Lynne Jorgensen	at home but is very weak
Bettye King	recovering at home from surgery
Connye Plouffe	Martin Nursing & Restorative Care Center (room 204-A)
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	recovering from a back procedure
Mary Reeves	recovering from her neck and back surgery
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments every three weeks
Robert Swayne	suffering with shingles, treatments for skin cancer

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	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, suffering with Alzheimer's
Lucious Davis	Tonya Ross' father, diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, multiple health issues
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine





Church Family *Calendar of Events*

Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, March 16

- ◆ **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, March 17

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

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22

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

Sunday, March 22

- ◆ **Mount Dora Supply Deadline.** Pick up a list in the lobby of needed supplies and return all items by March 22.

Tuesday, March 24

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Sunday, March 29

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If your photo needs to be updated or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning worship or before evening worship by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share.

Sunday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 16

- ◆ **Ladies' Day with Brittany Davis** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Beauty for Ashes." RSVP by Friday, April 10.

Friday-Sunday, April 17-19

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Proverbs: Tools for Skillful Living." Cost is \$40.

Young Adults

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

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.

Friday, April 3

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

Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, April 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1

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



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- ◆ **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, March 22

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

Friday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 8

- ◆ **Deadline to RSVP for Spring Formal.** Please contact Josh Blackmer to RSVP. Tickets are \$40.

PRAYING FOR YOUR CHILDREN

- From Head to Toe -

1. Pray for Their Mind

Pray that your children would earnestly seek wisdom and understanding, that they would value knowledge and discernment, and that their thoughts would stay centered on the truth of God's Word (Proverbs 2:1, 6; 3:21; James 1:5; Psalm 119:97).

2. Pray for Their Eyes

Ask God to guard your children's eyes and protect their innocence. Pray that they would focus their attention on doing what is right (Romans 16:19; Proverbs 4:25).

3. Pray for Their Ears

Pray that your children would be quick to hear and that they would incline their ears to listen to instruction (James 1:19; Isaiah 55:3; Proverbs 8:32, 34).

4. Pray for Their Mouth

Ask God to keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking lies. Pray that all their words would be pleasing to Him and edifying to others (Psalm 34:13; 19:14).

5. Pray for Their Heart

Ask God to give your children a happy, cheerful heart. Pray that they'd come to faith early and would trust easily and completely in Him (Proverbs 15:13; Psalm 28:7).

6. Pray for Their Hands

Pray that they would be diligent in their work and that their hands would not be idle, but that God would bless, confirm and establish the work of their hands (Ecclesiastes 9:10; 11:6; Proverbs 10:4-5).

7. Pray for Their Legs

Pray that your children would not walk in step with the wicked nor stand in the way of sinners, but that they'd find wise and godly companions along life's journey (Psalm 1:1).

8. Pray for Their Feet

Ask God to direct their steps, to help them stand fast, and to protect them from stumbling (Psalm 17:5; 37:23-24; 121:3; 119:133).



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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
March 8



Dear Palm Beach Lakes family,

The love you have shown us this past week has been amazing! The arrangement that was sent was beautiful and made me know you were praying for us during the time of mom's funeral. The cards and calls we have received from you have been such a comfort. Thank you for all you did. Love you.

Brenda, Lance & Sarah Collier

Words fail when I try to express how grateful I am for the love shown me as I grieved the loss of my sister. The prayers, calls, cards, and kind words are comforting and will always be remembered. May God continue blessing each of you.

Novel Brown

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Corey Hines; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Kathy Thompson; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Ron & Marcy Cox, Woodstock, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Carol Hammond, Nashville, TN; Ms. Hayley Hunt; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Kay Jenkins, Abilene, TX; Jacob & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Mrs. Laurie Oulton, South Haven, MI; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. William & Launa Tellmann, Pacific, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. J. David & Judy Thompson, Marion, IL.



Congratulations to **Brent & Andrea Leslie** upon the birth of **Abigail Rose** on Tuesday, March 10, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. Congratulations also to proud grandparents, **Jeff & Diane Leslie** and great-grandparents, **Tom & Rose Martens**.



Monday (March 16th)

Tim Cox
Lynne Jorgensen
Sue Shelt

Thursday (March 19th)

Dion Hayes

Thursday (March 19th) cont.

Jermaine Smith
Saturday (March 21st)
Max Fonrose
Yolanda Stewart

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 15

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
 Opening Prayer Andy Anderson
 Scripture Reading Jimmie Banks
 Presiding at Table Kirk Crews
 Serve at Table:
 Ed Buonadonna Orlando Lolo
 Harrison Crotts Jonathan Swayne
 Devin Eutsey David Thorpe
 Tim Fry Kevin Weeks
 Alternates:
 Mike Ellis Tim Mahlbacher
 Closing Prayer Bobby Ingraham

Sunday Evening, March 15

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
 Opening Prayer Phil Porter
 Scripture Reading Chris Thompson
 Presiding at Table Dirk Summerlot
 Richard Lerro
 Jeremy Maloney
 Jerry Pittman
 Closing Prayer David Brown

Wednesday Evening, March 18

Lead Singing Josiah Blackmer
 Invitation Jimmie Banks
 Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Mar. 8</u>	<u>Feb. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	220	207
Sun. A.M. Worship	360	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	128	154
Wed. Bible Study	180	166
Contribution	\$14,110	\$14,931
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,080		

Ushers for this week: Glen Dawson (Head Usher); Trey Higbee & Joe Maloney
Security Team for this week: Rick Hall & Daniel Swayne



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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: Misty, Taylor & Kinsey Hayes

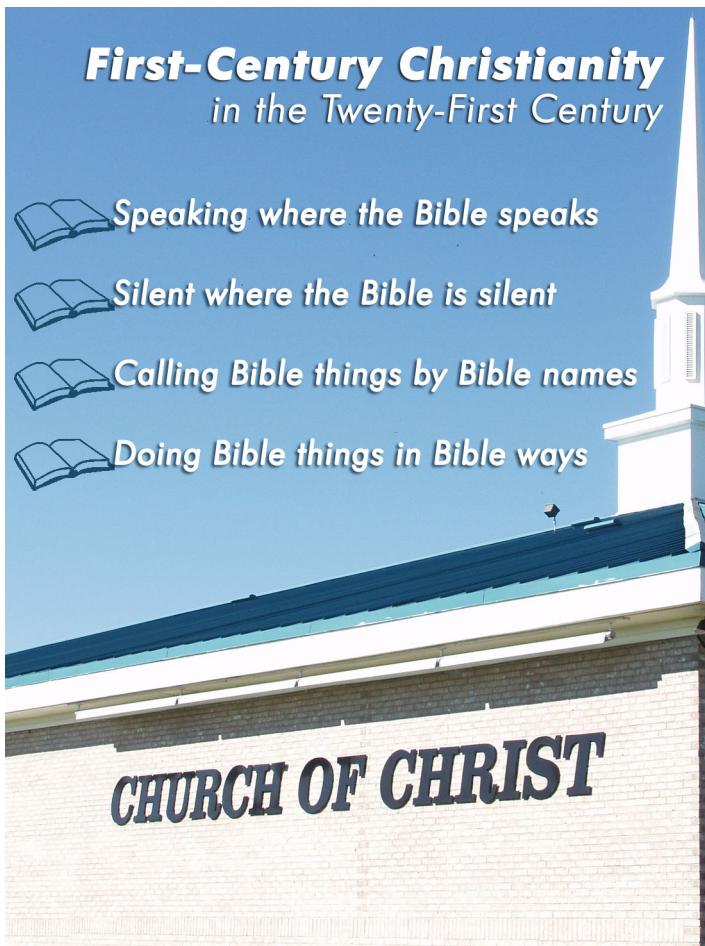
First-Century Christianity
in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways



Spiritual Enrichment **Weekend**



**October
11-13**

Mark Your Calendar