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- Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
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- Phil Porter 575-4782
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- Josh Blackmer 319-1418

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- 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
- Mike Erickson..... 310-9916
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- Gary Jenkins 889-3585
- Dick Kelley..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie..... 744-3444
- Paul Metzkes..... 736-9086
- Buzz Nelson..... 627-4890
- Nate Nelson 801-9456
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Worshiping TOGETHER Online

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES AND BIBLE CLASSES WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ONLINE DURING NORMAL SERVICE TIMES.

SUNDAY
 Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 AM Worship 10:00 a.m.
 PM Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



It's NOT ideal, and we would rather be actually TOGETHER in the same room. But, present circumstances require us to worship from our homes this Sunday.

Gather your family around the computer or TV and worship together with your church family.



Watch Our Services Live

Let's worship together online until we can be back together in person.

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.
 Family Bible Study**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship**

**Sunday 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship**

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
 Family Bible Study**



By Dan Jenkins

What's for Dinner?

God has not promised us T-bone steaks for every meal, but He has promised us that He will provide the food for us.

He provided the food for Elijah during the 42 months of famine. With Ahab and Jezebel seeking to destroy this prophet, God supplied him food the entire time. As long as the brook Cherith had water, the birds brought him two meals each day with bread and meat. When the drought became so severe that the brook dried up, God provided him and widow of Zarephath with food.

He provided food for the Jews on their forty-year journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Before they arrived at Mt. Sinai, He gave them manna in the morning and quails in the evening (Ex. 16:13). The psalmist described it this way, "He also rained meat on them like the dust, feather fowl like the sand of the seas" (Psa. 78:27). As soon as they entered the Promised Land, the manna ceased (Josh. 5:12).

David understood that God would provide food for His people. "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread" (Psa. 37:25). Think of David who spent years fleeing from King Saul. Yet in spite of all the adversity the evil king brought into David's life, God took care of him. God provided

the food he needed. David saw that God fed His people.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes a great contrast between how saints look toward food and the way that unbelievers look at it. "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all of these things the Gentiles seek" (Matt. 6:31-32). Those who are not God's children must, of necessity, be fearful that they might not have food. Those empty shelves in Publix are a major concern to them. Our Lord says that we should not have a single concern and then He gives the reason. "For your heavenly Father knows you have need of all these things."

Later in that sermon, Jesus discussed how an earthly father would not give a stone to his child who asks for bread. The Lord's prayer says we should ask every day for daily bread and with firm assurance He will provide. "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will you Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him" (Matt. 7:11)!

Our godly grandparents dealt with the Great Depression and not one of them starved. How did this happen? Because they took seriously the final thing Jesus said about this. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Think about this in these trying days as you pray that He will provide daily bread.

God has not promised us T-bone steaks for every meal, but...



By David Sproule

I Am So Sick of Cancer!

"Dear cancer! I'm done with you! Please leave! Go away and don't ever come back! Leave my friends and loved ones alone right now!" I wish I could write a letter like that and make some sort of impact. Of course, that's not the way it works. But, I've learned some things about cancer.

Cancer knows no stranger. In other words, cancer comes along and infects the lives of people of all walks of life. It doesn't matter who you are.

Cancer eats away a little at a time. It usually starts small, inside, and gradually develops over time into the monster we later see and grow to hate.

Cancer gets worst if neglected. Ignoring it or downplaying it doesn't get rid of it or reduce its effect one iota. Instead, it just continues to spread.

Cancer can lead to death. This is not the case with all kinds of cancer, but when we hear the word, that is the "worst case scenario" that often runs through our minds.

Cancer is not contagious. Just because one person has it does not mean someone can "catch it" from them. It is very personal to the individual.

Cancer can often be treated with pinpointed treatments that target the core of the disease.

Cancer is one of our least-favorite topics, but I've noticed some similarities to a spiritual topic. Go back and replace the word "cancer" with the word "sin."

"Dear sin! I'm done with you! Please leave! Go away and don't ever come back! Leave my friends and loved ones alone right now!" I wish I could write a letter like that!

Like cancer, sin knows no stranger. It is a universal problem (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8).

Like cancer, sin eats away a little at a time. Once conceived, it continues to grow (Jas. 1:13-15).

Like cancer, sin gets worse if neglected. It hardens hearts, leading to further sin (Matt. 13:15).

Like cancer, sin can lead to death. If one does not repent and turn from sin, it will lead to eternal separation from God (Rom. 6:23; 1 John 5:16-17).

Like cancer, sin is not contagious. It is a personal act committed and not "caught" from someone else (Ezek. 18:20).

Like cancer, sin can be treated with pinpointed treatments of God's Word (Psa. 119:11; Matt. 4:1-11).

I am so sick of cancer! But, even more, I am so sick of sin! It is harming spiritually so many I know and love! If you are struggling with cancer, please keep fighting! If you are struggling with sin, please keep fighting! Don't give up!

"Dear cancer! I'm done with you! Please leave!"



By Josh Blackmer

Best or Worst of Times?

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair” (Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*). It seems that every news report is one of these two polar opposites. Either a count of more virus cases and deaths or humanity rising to the occasion and helping his fellow man. People are out of work, yet others are finding ways to help in the fight against our current invisible enemy. It truly is the best of times and the worst of times. How can the church make the best of worst times?

We are quarantined, sequestered and separated, but there are still things that we can do for each other. There are many that are lonely and need phone calls. There are some that are living alone and need some form of contact with the outside world. Instead of waiting around to be served, try to find ways to serve others. There are those that have a difficult time getting out for groceries. What if you did a grocery run for someone in this condition? Or, any other errand that they can't or shouldn't get out to do. There are ways to still serve one another in groups of less than ten.

Will we choose to shine no matter the circumstances?

In these viral times, many of the things that we do as the church haven't changed even though the manner which we do them might have changed. For example, we are still commanded to worship our God every first day of the week. How we do that might change. You might log in to your local congregation's website and be led in worship. You might decide as a family to worship together and lead yourselves in worship. The same acts of worship need to happen like the first century church did from "house to house" (Acts 2:46).

We also still have the duty to reflect Christ to the world around us. We who have "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" need to maintain that relationship with Him (Rom. 13:14). There is a certain confidence that faith brings to life changing or threatening situations. As Paul said, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). However, not everyone shares our same convictions and certainty. We need to be conscience of that and not be brash or cavalier with our attitudes and comments. Their fear is very real to them. We need to help them get on a path to find the "perfect love [that] casts out fear" (1 John 4:18).

The church keeps moving along with its prime directive if it is the best of times or the worst of times. We have been given a light that can be hope for so many. Will we choose to shine no matter the circumstances?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He loves me, this I know

As a parent, I want the very, very best for my children. We raised them to think critically, to weigh options, to pray about decisions and make Biblically-sound choices. But when life throws curveballs at them, my greatest desire is to jump in and solve everything for them. But, that would not help them to truly grow. Being there for them? Absolutely! Helping them? Yes! Offering guidance and assistance? Of course! But, true wisdom comes through experience.

Think about God—your Father. Do you not think that He wants the very, very best for His children? Do you not suppose that He wants to jump in, every time life throws us curveballs, and solve everything for us? Of course, He does! He knows, He sees, He cares. Yet, He longs for us to grow in wisdom, trust, patience, devotion and love. Will He help us? Read Psalm 46:1. Will He be there for us? Read Joshua 1:5, 9. Will He give us guidance? Read Psalm 119:105. When we experience life—and grow through it—remember He loves you! – DS



“Whatever things are true”

As Christians who strive to have the mind of Christ (cf. Phil. 2:5), we must diligently give ourselves to the practice of “bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5). While the context of 2 Corinthians 10 deals with fleshly versus godly living, the principle of controlling our thoughts is foundational to all parts of our lives (cf. Psa. 19:14).

To control our thoughts requires principally that we control the flow of ideas, stimuli and information that enters into our minds. The Bereans are a good example of ones who heard something and then sought to verify the truthfulness of what they heard (Acts 17:11). All Christians have the same responsibility, whether that involves Bible truth or any other matter in life. Paul commanded, “Whatever things are true... think on these things” (Phil. 4:8).

In this day of misinformation and rampant falsehoods, may we be critical listeners and critical thinkers, who bring every thought captive, refusing to believe a lie and demanding only the truth! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lillian Bankston	now at home
Jordan Beasley	recovering at home from heart procedure
Karen Bibbee	recovering from lung surgery
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Joe Holland	VA Hospital, being treated for an infection (NO visitors)
Ophelia Holmes	in a lot of pain
Idara Ikon	has second degree burns on her leg
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from hip replacement surgery
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)
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments every three weeks
Ralph Williams	in the VA Hospital in Miami

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
Conrad Mills	Tasha Ellis' brother, dealing with health issues
Doug Philips	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

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, March 29

- ♦ **ALL SERVICES WILL BE ONLINE ONLY.** Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."
 - 9:00 a.m. Family Bible Study (for ALL ages)**
 - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship**
 - 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**
- ♦ **Communion:** You can pick up the Lord's Supper from church on Friday, if you need it. Please come in the morning (9:00-11:00 a.m.) or afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.). Call ahead and it will be ready for you.

Wednesday, April 1

- ♦ **ONLINE Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."

Thursday, April 16

- ♦ **CANCELLED: Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes.**

Saturday, May 2

- ♦ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Empowered by God."

Sunday, May 3

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

Sunday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 16

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell.

Sunday, May 24

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation. **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Sunday, May 31

- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Cara for more details.

Saturday, May 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 30

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Saturday, April 11

- ♦ **CANCELLED: Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth. See Ivan Villard or Taylor Reeves for more details.

Saturday, April 18

- ♦ **POSTPONED: Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:00 p.m. at the Jupiter Country Club. This year's theme is "A Night on the Red Carpet." Tickets are \$40. All attendees must abide by the dress code. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, April 26

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, May 1

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

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - April, 2020

April 5

April 12

April 19

April 26

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	
Opening Prayer	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Jenkins	Joe Maloney	Kevin Weeks	
Scripture Reading	Andy Fernandez	Richard Watson	Cam Crotts	Novel Brown	
Presiding at Table	Chuck Clark	Chris Thompson	Jerry Pittman	Kane Campbell	
Serving at Table:	Andy Anderson	David Brown	Lance Collier	Derrick Banks	
	Ed Buonadonna	Mike Damron	Gorman Ericksen	Jordan Beasley	
	Ed Gager	Max Fonrose	Errol Gower-Winter	Josiah Blackmer	
	Namdidie Ikon	Graysen Hayes	Richard Lerro	Rick Hall	
	Dan McLeod	Ken Long	Chad Morgan	Orlando Lolo	
	John Patrick	Taylor Reeves	Tim Mahlbacher	Scott Studer	
	Jonathan Swayne	Simon Tyson	Vince Rogers	Nahum Villard	
	Tyler Williams	Lawrence Williams	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Marty Williams	
Closing Prayer	Bob Higbee	Daniel Swayne	Mike Archer	David Lord	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Dion Hayes	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	
Opening Prayer	Tim Fry	Glen Dawson	Jeff Leslie	Darin Summerlot	
Scripture Reading	Jim Davis	Willie Smith	Dirk Summerlot	Gary Sesames	
Presiding at Table	Mike Ellis	Josh Balckmer	Mike Erickson	Eugene Williams	
Serving at Table:	Harrison Crotts	Trey Higbee	Jeremy Maloney	Kirk Crews	
	Dick Kelley	Bobbo Lupo	Nick Pietro	Dion Hayes	
	Daniel Lord	Paul Metzkes	Ken Tipton	Daniel Wagner	
Closing Prayer	Jimmie Banks	Nate Nelson	Dan Fuller	Jeff Goodale	

Alternates:					
	Stephen Beliech	Johnny Davis	Freddie Gadson	Tim Cox	
	Phil Porter	David Thorpe	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)						
<i>Ushers</i>	Head Usher:	Apr. 5 & 8	Apr. 12 & 15	Apr. 19 & 22	Apr. 26 & 29	
		L.H. Richardson	→			
		Devin Eutsey	Robert Mariano	Harrison Crotts	Bobby Ingraham	
		David Lord	Jim Rogers	James Green	Taylor Reeves	
<i>Safety Team</i>		Kirk Crews	Jerry Pittman	Mike Damron	Shaun Tyson	
		Nahum Villard	Darin Summerlot	Seth Watson	Lawrence Williams	

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

Call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
March 22

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (March 29th)

Marten Barr
Cruz Fernandez

Friday (April 3rd)

Giselle Smith

Wednesday (April 1st)

Taylor Reeves

Saturday (April 4th)

Jeannie Hamilton

Thursday (April 2nd)

Lorena Pittman

Communion Bread

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 cup Crisco (butter flavor works well)

1/2 cup water

- ◆ Mix flour, salt and Crisco to a fine consistency with a mixer or pastry blender.
- ◆ Add water. Mix with fork and form dough into a ball.
- ◆ Divide into 2-4 pieces. Roll thin on a floured surface.
- ◆ Prick rolled dough with a fork to prevent bubbling.
- ◆ Cut into circles.
- ◆ Bake at 350° until light brown. This usually takes 10-12 minutes.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Wynona Bowman; Mr. Willie Chelley; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Heath Johnson; Ms. Cassie Lavender; Laurent Pierre; Mr. Ricky Smith; and Mr. Trent Wheeler.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Lauren Fuller, Savannah, TN; Miss Halle Johnson & Ms. Reanna Johnson, Higdon, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mallard; and Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA.



There is a great series of lessons online five nights a week called "Connect." Just search "Digital Bible Study" on Facebook or use this link to get to their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/digitalbiblestudy1/>). They are streaming Bible lessons each night (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) starting at 7:00 p.m. from some really good gospel preachers. This is a great way to stay spiritually fed and connected during this time.

Sunday Worship Services

All services this week will be streamed live on our website:

Sunday (9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday Morning, March 29

Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading..... Josh Blackmer
Presiding at Table Dan Jenkins
Closing Prayer Josiah Blackmer

Sunday Evening, March 29

Lead Singing David Sproule
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading..... David Sproule
Presiding at Table..... Josh Blackmer
Closing Prayer Josh Blackmer

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Mar. 22</u>	<u>Feb. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	NA	207
Sun. A.M. Worship	NA	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	NA	154
Wed. Bible Study	NA	166
Contribution	\$11,949	\$14,931
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,064		

COMMUNION:

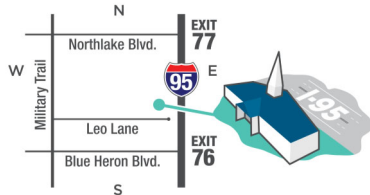
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Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: Edward & Ellen Gager



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).