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- Jerry Hopkins 818-7164
- Phil Porter 575-4782
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- Josh Blackmer 319-1418

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Safer & Stronger Together: A Day for "Us" and God



Date:

First Saturday of Normalcy

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

One “Innocent” Choice Lead to the Fall of Jerusalem

The death of Solomon brought about a division to his powerful kingdom when ten of the twelve tribes of Israel refused to accept Solomon’s son as the next king. They established a new kingdom, known as Israel, with their own king. They not only turned away from the house of David but tragically turned away from God.

For two hundred years, God’s messengers, the prophets, pleaded with the new kingdom to return to God, but it never happened. They had a total of nineteen kings and not a single one of them ever served God faithfully.

When God ultimately sent the Assyrian army to destroy rebellious Israel, Hezekiah was king of the small southern kingdom known as Judah. The Assyrians first destroyed Israel and then sent this army to do the same to the southern kingdom. Hezekiah turned to God for help, who completely destroyed the Assyrian army, killing 185,000 Assyrians in one night. His great faith in God stands as one of the greatest illustrations of what God can do for those who trust Him.

However, Hezekiah later made a mistake which ultimately brought about the destruction of the Solomon’s temple and the captivity of the Jews. Just eight years after the fall of

Israel, Isaiah came to Hezekiah from God, saying that he was about to die. Hezekiah, not yet forty years old, turned again to God, and his prayer changed the mind of God. Instead of dying, God added fifteen years to Hezekiah’s life.

Evidently his recovery was widely known. One kingdom, a very small insignificant one at that time, sent an envoy with letters and a gift to “celebrate” his recovery. Hezekiah foolishly showed them all of the wealth and the grandeur of his kingdom. That small kingdom was meaningless when compared to the great kingdoms of the world. Hezekiah described them to Isaiah being from “a far country.” A hundred years later, that small kingdom became powerful Babylon and destroyed Jerusalem and plundered all of its treasure.

Hezekiah did not see how showing his kingdom could ever bring ruin, but it did. Innocent choices can lead to great ruin. Teens’ choices of ungodly friends have destroyed many. “Innocent” flirtations in the office have lead to adultery. That first drink, lowering the inhibition to do wrong, has brought tragedy to many. The list is endless. As you make decisions, remember it was one “innocent” mistake which brought ruin to Jerusalem and brings ruin to many lives today.

Ask God to give you wisdom and turn to His book of wisdom to avoid “innocent” mistakes which ruin lives.

One “innocent” decision can lead to ruin. Let God give you wisdom to avoid them



By David Sproule

When Paul Was Quarantined: Reconciliation Found in Christ

When you’re staring at the same four walls for weeks and weeks on end, it is easy to think about “what I want” and “what others need to do for me.” If any Bible character could have thought like that, maybe Paul could have when wrongfully imprisoned in Rome for “two whole years” (Acts 28:30),

but he did just the opposite. Paul had his mind firmly fixed on others and was trying to reconcile differing groups, including “the Jews” and “the Gentiles” (28:28-29). During this time, Paul wrote a letter to his Christian friend, **Philemon**, about the need to reconcile his relationship with Onesimus, as brothers in Christ.

While in quarantine, Paul focused on “receiving” a brother who has wronged you, in order to bring about reconciliation. The key word in Paul’s letter to Philemon is the word “receive” (v. 12, 15, 17). There may have been some other verbs that Philemon would have liked to have exercised toward his runaway slave who had “wronged” him (v. 18), but to “receive” him, and “no longer as a slave” (v. 16), would have been a real challenge. But reconciliation “in Christ,” done properly, takes real effort.

While in quarantine, Paul focused on “love” in response to a brother who has wronged you, in order to bring about reconciliation. Some form of the word “love” is found six times in this short letter. Paul referred to Philemon and his

wife as “beloved” (v. 1-2), and then bid him to see Onesimus as “beloved” (v. 16). Paul praised Philemon for his agape “love” (v. 5, 7) and bid him to respond for agape “love’s sake” (v. 9). Unconditional, unselfish behavior that puts another above self can be a real challenge. But reconciliation “in Christ,” done properly, takes real effort.

While in quarantine, Paul focused on seeing one who has wronged you as a “brother,” in order to bring about reconciliation. Paul used the word “brother” four times in this letter, referring to Timothy as “our brother” (v. 1) and referring to Philemon twice as his “brother” (v. 7, 20). As much (and no less) as Paul, Timothy and Philemon were all “brothers,” so was Onesimus. In fact, he was to be seen as “a beloved brother” (v. 16). Seeing (and then treating) one who has done you wrong as an equal “brother” can be difficult. But reconciliation “in Christ” takes real effort.

While in quarantine, Paul focused on “Christ” as the key to bring about reconciliation. Onesimus was a brother “in the Lord” (v. 16), and Paul longed for Philemon to bring about “joy” and refreshing of heart “in the Lord” (v. 20). Christ is the reason and the only means by which true reconciliation can be accomplished. It takes effort, but so did the sacrifice of Christ on the cross to reconcile us to Him!

With all of this extra time on my hands, with whom do I need to work on being reconciled in Christ?

Reconciliation “in Christ,” done properly, takes real effort



By Josh Blackmer

What We Can Know

In uncertain situations, we hold on to what we can know. Firm knowledge is always preferred over maybe or what if. We have not been left without certainties. In the letter of First John he used the word “know” twenty-nine times in five chapters. The only book with more is his account of the gospel with seventy-five. God, through John, wants us to know and have assurance.

“By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments... By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked” (1 John 2:3, 5b-6). We know Jesus is not about a personal encounter or feeling. It is about obedience. We know Christ and are known by Him when we are obedient. In knowing Him, we begin to conduct our lives after His manner, even to the point of personal sacrifice.

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 John 3:16). He doesn’t begin writing about how we should die for one another but how we should see to the needs of our brethren. “Let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:18). Our heart can condemn us in

this, but “if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God” (1 John 3:21). God wants us to grow to a point that we can stand before Him in confidence. An integral part of that is love.

“We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world” (1 John 4:16-17). It is one thing to have heard of the love that God has for us, but it is another thing to know it and believe in it. This relationship we have with God is founded on His great love for us that was manifested in the death of His Son. We, in turn, respond to that love with obedience. In so doing, we have a relationship with God that is the perfection or completion of love. What God started in love with the death of Jesus has come to completion when those that He died for return the love in simple obedience. Then, we can stand in confidence on the day of judgment. Why? “Because as He is, so also are we in this world” (1 John 4:17). How is that? We walk as Christ did, in love and abiding in the Father and the Father in us.

John wrote so that we can know. “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13).

John wrote so that we can know.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Since we believe, therefore we...

There are a number of factors that motivate us to action. Some slam their brakes on at a yellow light because they fear getting a ticket. Some work extra hard on the job because they long for praise from their boss. Many factors drive us to action—fear, praise, love, hate, money, etc.

What kind of motivating factor is faith? Does our faith move us to action? Paul wrote, “We also believe and therefore speak” (2 Cor. 4:13). Does your faith in anything cause you speak? Some believe so strongly in their personal political views, or so strongly in the potential of Essential Oils, or so strongly in the abilities of their children that they speak, and speak, and speak all about these things. It is set so firmly in their hearts that it’s all they want to talk about.

What about our faith in Jesus? What about our faith in “the dying of the Lord Jesus” (4:10) and “the life of Jesus” (4:10, 11)? How strong is our faith that “He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus” (4:14)? Is it so firm that “therefore we speak”? If not, why not? – DS



“Bring it on! I’m ready!”

On his third missionary journey, Paul was hurrying to reach Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost (Acts 20:16; 18:21), perhaps so that he might find many souls in need of the gospel. As he got closer and closer to arriving in the city, his Christian friends tried to dissuade him from going there (21:4). In fact, when the prophet Agabus warned that he would be arrested and given over to the Romans (21:11), all of his friends “pleaded with him not to go” (21:12).

Consider carefully (and personally) Paul’s response to them: “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart?” (21:13a). Think about that part first. Then, he continued, “For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus” (21:13b). What kind of person can make statements like that? The kind of person who wrote in a letter not long before this time, “I have been crucified with Christ” (Gal. 2:20).

When you think about potential mistreatment that may come your way for being a Christian, what is your typical response? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Troy Alberga	dealing with an ongoing respiratory infection
Karen Bibbee	stage 3 lung cancer, undergoing more tests
Chuck Clark	Gardens Medical Center, infection in his finger
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Joe Holland	Heartland Health Care, treatments for an infection
Lynne Jorgensen	having a medical test on Monday
Connye Plouffe	Martin Nursing & Restorative Care Center (room 204-A)
Betty Sanders	discharged from the hospital and staying with family
Linda Studer	recovering at home

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	



Tasha Ellis, upon the passing of her brother, Conrad Mills, last week in Atlanta.

Charles Hayes' wife, Rhona, upon the passing of her mother, Miriam Rader, last Saturday.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

JoAnn Campbell	Tasha Ellis' mother, unusual weakness and exhaustion
Stephanie Contreras	Alex Contreras' wife, recovering from gallbladder surgery
Lucious Davis	Tonya Ross' father, diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Monica Pacheco	Joyce Parker's daughter, radiation for breast cancer
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine
Monicia Sims	Jimmie Banks' sister, diagnosed with COVID-19
Donald Smith	Traci Sproule's father, diagnosed with Ménière's disease

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, April 26

- ♦ **ALL SERVICES WILL BE ONLINE ONLY.** Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."
 - 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 - 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 29

- ♦ **ONLINE Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live." A link to the handout/chart is available in your Family News email or email the office (office@pblcoc.org)

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** at 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

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.

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.

Sunday, May 31

- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Tuesday, June 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Cindy Nelson for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, April 26

- ♦ **Sunday Morning Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).

8:45 a.m.	Grades 5 & Under Bible Classes
9:15 a.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Class

Wednesday, April 29

- ♦ **Wednesday Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).

6:30 p.m.	Grades 5 & Under Bible Classes
7:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Class

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.

We want to be ready. Hopefully we will need this sooner, rather than later.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - May, 2020

May 3

May 10

May 17

May 24

May 31

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

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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service </div>
Presiding at Table	Mike Ellis	Josh Balckmer	Mike Erickson	Eugene Williams	
Serving at Table:	Harrison Crotts	Victor Colage	Bobbo Lupo	Kirk Crews	
	Dick Kelley	Trey Higbee	Jeremy Maloney	Dion Hayes	
	Daniel Lord	Nick Pietro	Ken Tipton	Daniel Wagner	
Closing Prayer	Jimmie Banks	Nate Nelson	Dan Fuller	Jeff Goodale	

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

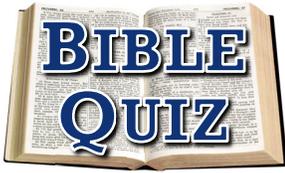
Technical Assignments						
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	TBD
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD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

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Ushers	May 3 & 6	May 10 & 13	May 17 & 20	May 24 & 27	May 31 & Jun. 3
Head Usher:	Paul Metzkes				
	Devin Eutsey	Robert Mariano	Harrison Crotts	Bobby Ingraham	Gary Jenkins
	David Lord	Jim Rogers	James Green	Taylor Reeves	Tyler Williams
Safety Team	Kirk Crews	Jerry Pittman	Mike Damron	Shaun Tyson	Victor Colage
	Nahum Villard	Darin Summerlot	Seth Watson	Lawrence Williams	Daniel Swayne

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.



Who Said It?

(New Testament Edition)

1. Who said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you" (Acts 3:6)? _____
2. Who said, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30)? _____
3. Who said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"? (John 6:68)? _____
4. Who said, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you" (Acts 24:25)? _____
5. Who said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38)? _____
6. Who said, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did" (John 4:29)? _____
7. Who said, "If you will worship before me, all will be yours" (Luke 4:7)? _____
8. Who said, "If it is of God, you cannot overthrow it" (Acts 5:39)? _____
9. Who said, "Who was I that I could withstand God" (Acts 11:17)? _____
10. Who said, "I have sinned against heaven and in your sight" (Luke 15:21)? _____
11. Who said, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian" (Acts 26:28)? _____
12. Who said, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor" (Luke 19:8)? _____
13. Who said, "It is expedient for us that one man should die for the people" (John 11:50)? _____
14. Who said, "I believe God that it will be just as it was told me" (Acts 27:25)? _____
15. Who said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4)? _____
16. Who said, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:23)? _____

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.)



I want to thank everyone in the Palm Beach Lakes church family for the kind expressions of sympathy, prayers and beautiful orchid sent on the passing of my brother, Conrad Mills. Your love and support have been so comforting!

In HIS love,
Tasha Ellis

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (April 26th)

Helen Burney
Rick Hall
Ivan Villard

Monday (April 27th)

Jordan & Marsha Beasley (Ann.)
Jessica Gibbins

Tuesday (April 28th)

Kane Campbell

Tuesday (April 28th) cont.

James Green

Wednesday (April 29th)

Beth Fry
Terri Hahn

Friday (May 1st)

Charles & Rhona Hayes (Ann.)

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 19</u>	<u>Mar. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	NA	212
Sun. A.M. Worship	NA	334
Sun. P.M. Worship	NA	166
Wed. Bible Study	NA	185
Contribution	\$16,017	\$14,218
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$2,365		



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: Emily & Sully Tyson



"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).



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.