

Elders

- Johnny Davis 307-4232
- Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
- Jerry Hopkins 818-7164
- *Phil Porter 575-4782
- Richard Watson..... 307-2608

**Chairman for the Month of June*

Evangelists

- Dan Jenkins 744-4559
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- 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
- Tim Fry 373-9121
- Jeff Goodale 261-1188
- Rick Hall 622-5131
- Bob Higbee..... 303-386-6405
- Bill Ingram, Jr. 772-341-5463
- Gary Jenkins 889-3585
- Dick Kelley..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie..... 744-3444
- Paul Metzkes..... 736-9086
- Buzz Nelson..... 627-4890
- Nate Nelson 801-9456
- Jerry Pittman..... 389-2935
- Lawrence Richardson..... 772-336-4989
- Shaun Tyson..... 615-513-2045
- Ivan Villard 422-5041
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Services for the Week of June 7



SUNDAY Online Bible Classes

8:45 a.m.

Zoom Bible Classes for Grades 5 & Under

9:15 a.m.

Zoom Bible Class for Jr. High & Sr. High
Livestream Webcast Bible Class for Adults

Worship Together at the Building

11:00 a.m.*

Worship: **Last Names: A thru K**

4:30 p.m.

Worship: **Last Names: L thru Z**

WEDNESDAY Night Bible Classes

7:00 p.m.

Everyone Go Directly to Separate Bible Classes
(Signs will be posted for class locations)

Please worship at your allotted time.

Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.

If you feel that you are at high risk, it is ok to stay home for now.

** The 11:00 a.m. worship (and 9:15 class) will be webcast live from our website.*



By Dan Jenkins

Worship Him in His Presence

It is often easy to lose sight of the very nature of worship and the result of this robs us of one of the great blessings God has for us. Before reading any more of this article stop and ask yourself, "Why do I come to worship each week?" There may be many reasons, but what is the fundamental, underlying reason you come to worship each week?

If you think first in terms of, "I do it because He commands me to," perhaps you should think more about it. Did not Jesus describe those who "...draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me"? We do come to worship because He commands us, but if that is the primary reason, we are robbing ourselves of the true meaning of worship. Think about the following verses and my comments about them.

Psalms 100:2: "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Notice how godly men came to worship realizing that this was the place, above all others, where we are "in His presence." We come with gladness and praise before Him. In worship we are truly in His presence.

Psalms 95:2: "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms." Notice the plural pronouns in this verse. It is not a private time of

praise David had in mind. It was "us" who came before Him in His presence. The next verse sheds even more reasons as to why we come to worship. "For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods." We should stand in awe that this great God would so graciously allow sinful men to come into His presence.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2: "Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools...let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few." Every aspect of worship is important, but in most acts we are actively involved. However, God designed worship as a time when by preaching He would speak to us! We are in His presence and should come motivated to hear His words.

Psalms 100:1-4: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name."

Worship is not just "making a payment" on a heavenly insurance policy. We do not come just to obey Him. Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence.

Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence



By David Sproule

Think About This Before I Act (Part 3)

What motivates you? What motivates you to do something? What motivates you to not do something? The word "motivation" can be defined as "the reason or reasons one has for acting or behaving in a particular way." What are your reason(s) for behaving in the way that you do?

As Christians we have numerous things that motivate us to do or not do certain things. Sometimes we are motivated out of love, and other times we might be motivated out of fear. Whatever the reason may be, the reality is that there is usually something that is driving our activity (or inactivity). What thoughts go through your mind before you take some action?

As we consider how to better think before we act, we have already considered questions relating to (1) how my actions affect my relationship with God and (2) what influence my actions have on others. Now, here is a question that may help us: **Would I want Jesus to find me doing this?** This is not designed to invoke fear but reflection.

Would I want Jesus to find me...Talking to my parents this way? Talking to my children this way? Talking to my spouse this way? Talking to my boss this way?

Would I want Jesus to find me...Sending this email? Sending this text message? Writing this anonymous letter?

Would I want Jesus to find me doing this?

Would I want Jesus to find me...Drinking this drink? Taking this drug? Sitting in this bar? Walking out of this liquor store?

Would I want Jesus to find me...Hanging around with and acting like these people? Wearing this outfit? Hooking up? Engaging in this sexual activity with this person who is not my spouse? Looking at these pornographic pictures or videos?

Would I want Jesus to find me...Watching this show or movie? Being entertained by this immoral behavior? Laughing at this sinful display?

Would I want Jesus to find me...Stealing this? Lying about this? Misleading someone to believe an untruth? Using this filthy language?

Would I want Jesus to find me...Skipping church? Staying up so late on Saturday night that I don't go to church on Sunday? Devising justifications for forsaking the assembly, straying from the church, filling my time with worldly things rather than godly things?

Would I want Jesus to find me...Being ashamed to talk about Him? Being hesitant to invite someone to worship? Neglecting to try to teach someone the gospel?

A variety of things may motivate me as a Christian, but Jesus should be my ultimate focus. I need to ask myself, "Would I want Jesus to see this?"



By Josh Blackmer

A Letter to Everyone

Dear Reader,

Let me start by saying that science says there is one human race with many ethnic groups—none of which are better than any other, all of which Christ died for. If we keep making racial distinctions, we will stay divided. A house divided cannot stand.

We also need to put things into perspective. The issue of hate, prejudice, and bigotry is not unique to the United States. Anywhere there are different ethnic groups living in close proximity to one another there are issues. A cursory web search of global current events will prove this point. The issue of hate, prejudice, bigotry is not unique to our time. Since Cain and Able this has been a problem that has plagued the human race. History is rife with wars, oppression, genocides and other deplorable acts based on ethnicity. We are our own worst enemy. Even inside an ethnic group there are prejudices based on social status, origin of birth, accent, even being too white, too black, too brown. These things have always happened and, unless there are huge changes in mankind, will continue to happen. Does that make it okay? Of course not!

We obviously need answers. However, the answer is not found in finger pointing, shaming, or bringing up past

atrocities. We can't move forward if we continue to carry the burden of the past. Every ethnic group is guilty of past prejudices and hate. Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.

Change needs to start with ourselves. We need to stop with the "They always do this" and "They always do that" over-generalizations. Those things promote division and teach future generations the same mindset. We need to see crimes that are committed as crimes against humanity. The odds are high that every day in America an individual of every ethnic group commits a crime against another ethnic group. We can focus on the ethnicity and continue to be divided or we can focus on the problem and move toward change.

We need to put things into perspective.

The problem is a lack of empathy, respect, and concern for the wellbeing of others. If we all really want change, I'm not convinced everyone wants to change. If we all showed basic common respect and decency, the Bible calls it love, toward one another (Rom. 13:10). If we all treated each other as we would like to be treated (Matt. 7:12), then, only then, could we make real change. As long as there are evil people doing evil things to innocent people there will be in injustice. As long as people consider themselves to be superior to others, there will be prejudices. We can't let this be in our hearts, in our homes, and in the church. "Love one another" - Jesus (John 13:34).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Bearing with the weak

Are you a "strong" Christian? Or, are you a "weak" Christian? Let's ask that a different way. Are you a "mature" and "seasoned" Christian, who has firmly placed your faith in Christ and is seeking faithfully to serve Him? Or, are you a fairly "new" Christian or a Christian who has not matured as you should, and you're still trying to learn some of elementary principles of Christ and to fortify your faith in the truth of the gospel and the inerrancy of God's Word?

The Lord bids those "who are strong" to "bear the weaknesses" of those who are "weak" (Rom. 15:1). It is the responsibility of the "strong" to be patient, to stand beside, to encourage, and to be careful to not intentionally and unnecessarily bruise the conscience of the "weak" (Rom. 14:14-23). However, it is also the responsibility of the "strong" to help the "weak" to grow and mature, so that they too are able to discern essentials from non-essentials.

Be careful of a weak conscience, but also help to train it in the way of truth and true faith. – DS



I am only a jar of clay

Sometimes it is easy for us to get puffed up—to think that we are something and to think that our thoughts, our ways, our abilities, our pursuits are of utmost importance and of supreme value. The Lord, however, is quick to remind us that such thoughts are not of Christ.

Paul wrote about the wonderful "treasure" of God's new covenant and how "glorious" it truly is (2 Cor. 4:4-7). But, as highly valuable and incomparably glorious as the gospel of Christ is, it has been committed to our trust, and we are but "earthen vessels" (2 Cor. 4:7) or "jars of clay" (ESV). While a jar of clay is rather fragile, the central thought of this expression is to emphasize its little value, in order that the focus might remain on "the power of God" and "not of us."

Elsewhere, Paul wrote, "If anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself" (Gal. 6:3). It is easy to get puffed up, but our Lord says that is when we "deceive" ourselves into thinking something of ourselves that is not true, sound or Christ-like. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	recovering at home, has a blood clot and is very weak
David Brown	has a bulging disc in his back and is in a lot of pain
Linda Coe	having low heart rate issues
Betty Davis	undergoing some medical tests
Annie Faison	recovering at home and doing better
Joe Holland	now under Hospice Care at Brookdale
Ophelia Holmes	still dealing with a lot of pain
Dan Johnson	in ICU at Gardens Medical Center
John Loftis	dealing with severe back pain and is very weak
Luann McLeod	has a fractured knee cap & internal injuries to her knee
Les Sawyer	in the VA Hospital, had a toe amputated
Linda Studer	having 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
Josie Dawson	Deidra Miley
Annie Faison	Harriet Morris
Dianne Frye	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe Holland	Patricia Ventress



Edward Gager, upon the passing of his mother, Veronica Gager, last week in Denver.

Eva Fulton & Norma Pratt, upon the passing of their brother, David McDowell, on Sunday.

day.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Rena DeV Vaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, treatments for breast cancer
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Difficile Geffrard	Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized with complications
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine
Terry West	Amy West's father, back in JFK Hospital for more tests
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, recovering from brain surgery

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, June 7

- ◆ **Zoom Bible Class for Grades 5 & Under** at 8:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Zoom Bible Class for Jr. High & Sr. High** at 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ **Online Bible Class for Adults** at 9:15 a.m. Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."
- ◆ **Worship Together at the Building** during your allotted time.

11:00 a.m.	Last Names: A thru K
4:30 p.m.	Last Names: L thru Z

Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **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, June 14

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship. See Joan Holloway to RSVP or for more details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Wednesday, June 17

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Frizzell (Stuart) will be speaking on *"Comfort in Dealing with Life's Uncertainties."*

Wednesday-Friday, June 17-19

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning after Bible study on Wednesday and will continue Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, June 20

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be classes for Age 2 thru Grade 5 and an adult class. A pizza lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, please register online by Saturday, June 13. *(One parent/guardian must stay on site.)*

Wednesday, June 24

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Heath Johnson (Jog Road) will be speaking.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **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.

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Saturday, June 20

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Wednesday July 7

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

Friday, July 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, June 7

- ◆ **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, June 10

- ◆ **Bible Class Together at the Building** at 7:00 p.m. Everyone go directly to separate classes. All adults will be in the Auditorium and children in the Family Room.

Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **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.

Saturday, June 20

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please register online by Saturday, June 13.

2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



“BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS YOU SEE” LUKE 10:23

June

**SEE
OPPORTUNITIES**

*“Lift up your eyes and look”
(John 1:35)*

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (June 7th)

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)
 Maria Hackshaw
 Ted Friesner

Monday (June 8th)

Maggie Dozier

Tuesday (June 9th)

Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)
 Casey & Aisha Commander (Ann.)
 Scott & Linda Studer (Ann.)
 Namdidie Ikon

Wednesday (June 10th)

Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)

Wednesday (June 10th) cont.

Errol Gower-Winter
 Kinsey Hayes
 Phyiona Patterson
 Amberdenise Puckett

Thursday (June 11th)

Betsy Donahue
 Richard Watson

Saturday (June 13th)

Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)
 Judie Jenkins
 Taylor Price
 Squadeina Ross

Thank You
 for worshipping with us

Sunday,
 May 31

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Gloria Denson and Mrs. Tracy Durandisse.

Thank You  notes

To my church family,

Glory be to our God and thanks to all of you for the phone calls, cards and text messages concerning my health issues.

Much love,
 Ophelia Holmes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 Hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



Saturday, June 20

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Register online by June 13.

Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes will be online. All worship services this week will be at the church building. The 11:00 a.m. worship (and 9:15 class) will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, June 7

11:00 a.m.Last Names: A thru K
 4:30 p.m.Last Names: L thru Z

Please arrive 10 minutes before your worship time and do not linger afterwards.

Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.

Online Bible Classes for Sun, June 7

8:45 a.m. Zoom Children's Bible Class
 9:15 am. .. Zoom Bible Class (Grades 6-12)
 9:15 a.m. Online Bible Class for Adults

Bible Classes for Wed, June 10

7:00 pm.ALL Together at the Building
 Adults..... Auditorium
 Children..... TBD

Our Record

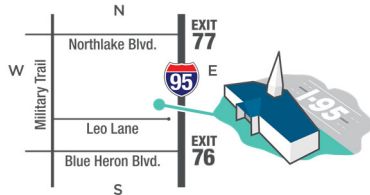
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Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	NA	NA
Sun. Worship	164	NA
Wed. Bible Study	NA	NA
Contribution	\$16,010	\$15,645
2020 Weekly Budget:	\$14,944	
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget:	\$6,817	



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.

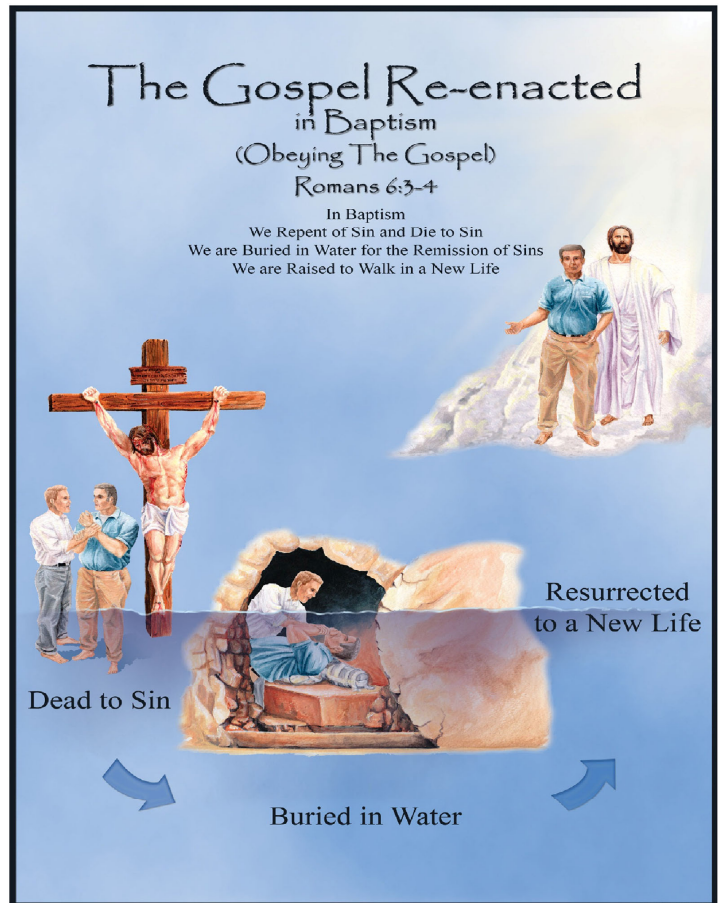
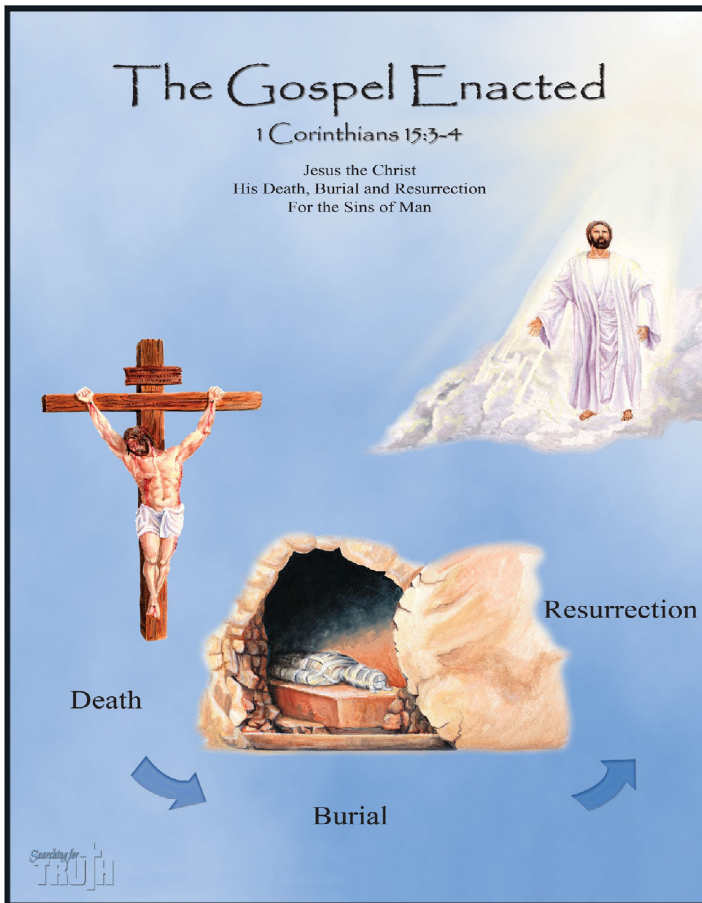
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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(Chart from World Video Bible School, wvbs.org)