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## Services for the Week of July 19



### SUNDAY Services at the Building

**9:00 a.m.\***

AM Worship: **Last Names: A thru H**

**10:30 a.m.**

Bible Classes for All

**11:30 a.m.**

AM Worship: **Last Names: I thru Z**

**6:00 p.m.**

Evening Worship for All

### WEDNESDAY Night Bible Classes

**7:00 p.m.**

**Begin with a devotional in the auditorium**

(Everyone meet together at 7:00 p.m.)

Then, all adults stay in the auditorium for class

And all children and teens go to their classes

*Please worship at your allotted time in the morning.*

*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 9:00 a.m. worship and 10:30 class will be webcast live from our website.*



By Dan Jenkins

## Judging According to Appearance

Jesus commanded us to judge when He said, “Judge not according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24). When we judge according to appearance, we can easily miss the real truth.

God told Samuel to go to the house of Jesse to anoint the new king to replace evil King Saul, and he failed to understand this truth. When Samuel saw Eliab, Jesse’s firstborn, he said, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him” (1 Sam. 16:6). The Lord responded to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (16:7). God rejected seven sons of Jesse until David, the youngest was chosen as the next king.

Consider how easily hypocrites use this weakness of judging by appearance to deceive. Jesus described hypocrites in various ways to call attention to how they seek to hide their evil hearts by appearing to be holy. “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence” (Matt 23:25). He also described them as being like beautifully adorned tombs, “...but inside are full of dead men’s

bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” (Matt. 23:27-28). They prayed long prayers standing visibly on street corners. They gave great sums to help the needy but not until they had sounded the trumpet to call attention to themselves. Judge not according to appearances!

Some want to judge a church by how many notable people attend. Compare the ornate temples of the first centuries with the places Christians met, often in secrecy. “You see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world...” (1 Cor. 1:26-27). The Lord also said, “Listen my beloved brethren: Has not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him” (Jas. 2:5).

So, when you look at others remember what Samuel forgot—man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. A person’s true nature is not determined solely by his outward appearance as a Christian. Remember that Jesus judges us by how we regard the least in the kingdom (Matt. 25:40). Righteousness is determined by the heart of a man, not by how he makes himself to appear.

As you make judgments about other’s worth, use righteous judgments—look on the inside!

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By David Sproule

## Is It Worth It?

For some reason, we sometimes try to justify certain behaviors and think we will “be ok” and that God will “be ok” with us. Unfortunately, that is what “the flesh” does and how “the devil” works—he deceives us into thinking according to “the flesh” and living according to “the flesh.”

God issues warning after warning against giving into and flirting with our fleshly desires. One such passage is in Galatians 5:19-21. In this text, the Lord describes some manifestations of “the works of the flesh.” It is not that these “works” are difficult to identify. He says that they are “evident”—clearly identifiable in one’s life and, thus, avoidable (if one would so choose). They are described as “the works of the flesh” to emphasize that these are the product of the devil’s influence in our lives (and not the Savior’s). As the enemy of God, that deceitful serpent (2 Cor. 11:3) lures us in a variety of ways to “fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16).

Our loving Lord is quick to alert us to the consequences of practicing such things. It’s interesting that Galatians 5:21 uses the expressions “and the like” and then “such things.” This was not intended to be an exhaustive list of all sinful deeds, but it would include anything that was “like” them, embracing “every form of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22). Those who engage

in these activities “will not inherit the kingdom of God.” There are eternal consequences for choices that we make on this earth. We must recognize that we jeopardize our home in heaven when we give into works of the flesh.

There are sexual sins, such as adultery, fornication, impurity, lewdness, sensuality (5:19), and even homosexuality (1 Cor. 6:9). Is it worth it to engage in these acts when God says that I “will not inherit the kingdom of God” if I do?

There are religious sins, such as idolatry and sorcery (5:20), which are in direct violation of the one true God. Is it worth it when God says that I “will not inherit the kingdom of God” if I do these things?

There are interpersonal sins that involve how I feel or act towards others, such as hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy (5:20-21), even extortion (1 Cor. 6:10). Is it worth it to engage in these when God says that I “will not inherit the kingdom of God” if I do?

There are unrestrained sins, such as drunkenness and revelries (5:21). Is it worth it to engage in these acts when God says that I “will not inherit the kingdom of God” if I do?

Too often, we try to justify certain behaviors and think they will “be ok” and God will “be ok” with us. Read the New Testament. God warns against such choices over and over. Is it really worth losing heaven to fulfill these fleshly desires?

**That deceitful serpent lures us in a variety of ways to fulfill the lust of the flesh**



By Josh Blackmer

## Consider Your Influence

We have an ability that we may not be using effectively for Christ. In His Sermon on the Mount, He described it as salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16). We should be very concerned about our influence. The Lord's work consists of influencing people in God's direction (Col. 1:28). Influence comes down to a matter of communication, both verbal or non-verbal. This includes our online communication. Sometimes, we are guilty of neglecting principles of influence and communication. Here are three to consider.

First, we need to examine self before influencing others. The most significant change starts with self. The "inside out" approach in influencing others is best. Jesus illustrates the importance of self-examination with the story of a man with a beam in his eye trying to help a man with a splinter (Matt. 7:3-5). Paul wrote, "I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:27). In doing this, we must model the conduct we wish to encourage in others (Acts 20:34-35; 1 Cor. 11:1). We must always be an example (1 Tim. 4:12).

Second, we should try to understand where people are coming from and advise with compassion. It is true that in some cases we have to earn the right to be heard by showing

ourselves to be genuinely concerned about the other person. We can often be sympathetic to the situations of others. To be able to be empathetic is more influential. We need to be able to understand the real needs people have. Often a grumpy disposition is less about who they are and more about what they are struggling with. This is not an excuse, but understanding it changes how we approach them. Just telling them to stop being grumpy won't help. If we help them deal with what is making them grumpy, that gets to the source. Understanding needs to go before being understood (Phil. 2:4). Jesus, the Master Teacher, saw people with His perfect understanding and compassion (Matt. 9:36).

Lastly, a good example is not enough. We must communicate. Character and compassion are not enough to communicate the truth of the gospel, it takes words (Eph. 1:13; Acts 11:13-14; Rom. 10:17).

The gospel is of no benefit if it is not made clear (Col. 4:3-4; Eph 6:19-20). We must strive to balance courage and consideration. We must be courteous as well as candid (Col. 4:5-6). We must communicate. We cannot afford to sacrifice clarity for courtesy. We must be what we ought to be and genuinely seek to understand others. We must "admonish/warn" and "teach" (Col. 1:28). We all have people in our circle of friends that only we can influence. We are their only link to the truth of the gospel. Are we using that influence for the sake of Christ or social and political issues?

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## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "Pardon the language"

Dear fellow Christian, is it really Christ-like to share something on social media but to make a disclaimer about its sinful content? Sometimes we see a video or meme and think it really conveys a message dear to us in an effective manner, but we think that saying, "Pardon the language," exonerates us from sharing un-Christlike speech.

Would that also work and be appropriate if there was other vile content? Suppose we said, "Please pardon the nudity, but the message here is powerful"? Or, "Please pardon the sexual abuse portrayed, but the message here is so impressive"? If I put "a stumbling block in a brother's way" (Rom. 14:13), or if I cause "one of these little ones who [believes in Jesus] to sin/stumble" (Matt. 18:6; Mark 9:42), I myself sin. If I look like the world in my posts (Rom. 12:2), then the world cannot see Christ through me (1 Cor. 11:1).

EVERYTHING I do must portray Jesus, purity and holiness (Gal. 2:20; 1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:11-12). While I might ask others to "pardon" my un-Christlike shares, do I think He will "pardon" me? – DS



### Aren't you glad you're made in God's image?

God is all-powerful! When it came to His creation, He could have created you/me/us/mankind in any image that He wanted! He could have made us in the image of the llama or the monkey. But, He didn't! He could have made everyone in the image of Shaquille O'Neal or Jennifer Lopez. But, He didn't!

He could have made everyone in the image of your second-grade teacher or your car mechanic. But, He didn't! He made us...in His own image!!!

Obviously, this is not dealing with a physical image but a spiritual one. No other created thing has been made "in the image of God" (Gen. 1:26-27), having been given the ability to reason (Isa. 1:18; Rom. 1:20), the ability to know and to choose between right and wrong (Josh. 24:15; 1 Tim. 2:4; Rom. 12:1-2), the natural inclination to seek and to worship God (Acts 17:25-31; Psa. 19:1). But, that which sets us apart completely from all other creatures is the immortal soul that our Father has given to us (Matt. 10:28; Ecc. 12:7; Luke 12:20; Heb. 12:9).

Every person, without exception, is made in the image of God! Are we living like it? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	having a CT scan on Monday
<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	back in the hospital
<b>Betty Davis</b>	slowly improving
<b>Joe Holland</b>	under Hospice Care at Brookdale
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	in Manor Care for rehab
<b>John Loftis</b>	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
<b>Luann McLeod</b>	has a fractured knee cap & internal injuries to her knee
<b>Tom Martens</b>	Gardens Medical Center (room 301)
<b>Sallie Moses</b>	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
<b>Yolanda Stewart</b>	undergoing medical tests

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	treatments for lung cancer
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Linda Studer</b>	chemo every three weeks

## 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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Algeier</b>	Sandy Colage's brother, suffering with multiple sclerosis
<b>Ron Fernander</b>	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
<b>Frankie Lyons</b>	Gwen Lyon's mother, having health problems
<b>Elena Metzkes</b>	Paul Metzkes' mother, recovering from pacemaker surg.
<b>Noel Sinclair</b>	stepdown room at St. Mary's, recovering from a stroke
<b>Jay Tyson</b>	Shaun Tyson's father, recovering from esophagus surgery
<b>Kevin Wagner</b>	Katie & Daniel's father, hospitalized with pneumonia
<b>Tiffany Williams</b>	Lawrence Williams' daughter, recovering from brain surg.

*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, July 19

- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: A thru H** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Bible Study for ALL members** at 10:30 a.m. See page 7 for classroom locations.
- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: I thru Z** at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Evening Worship for ALL members** at 6:00 p.m.

## Monday, July 20

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

## Tuesday, July 21

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

## Wednesday, July 22

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Meet in the Auditorium for a short devotional and the Family Prayer. All adults will stay in the Auditorium for class. See page 7 for children's classroom locations.

## Sunday, August 9

- ◆ **CANCELLED: Back-to-School Ice Cream Social.**

## Friday-Sunday, August 28-30

- ◆ **POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 14-16, 2021: Biblical Creation Seminar** with Dr. Jeff Miller (Apologetics Press).

## Saturday, September 12

- ◆ **TENTATIVE: Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Please RSVP to Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

## Sunday, September 13

- ◆ **Wayne Parker Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Sunday, September 20

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

*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*  
**Young Adults**

## Saturday, August 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Tuesday, August 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crotts. See Hollie or Cindy for more details.

## Friday, August 7

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

## Friday, September 4

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

## Saturday, September 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## Sunday, July 26

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

## Friday, August 7

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

## Saturday, August 8

- ◆ **Charged By Christ** at 10:00 a.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High youth. Cost is \$20, for bowling and food at Bowlero. Please RSVP by July 26 (office@pblcoc.org).

## Saturday, August 22

- ◆ **Jr. High Game Night** at 5:00 p.m. Location TBD. Bring finger foods and games. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

## Sunday, August 23

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Young Adult Devo
2	3 a Rick & Betsy Donahue b Stephen Beliech b Allison Roman b Seth Watson b Henry Williams	4 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Sharon Masciarelli	5 a Roy & Charlene Knowles	6 b Lena Gadson	7 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Jeff & Jennifer Goodale b Kirk Crews	8 ☆ Charged By Christ a Silas & Debora Lynch b Mary Porter b Gary Seames
9	10 a Phil & Mary Porter a Chris & Brittany Thompson b Paulette Cole b Loretta Holaday b Dan McLeod b Paul Metzkes b Cody Price b Wesley Williams	11 b Letha Anderson	12 b Loretta James	13	14 a Mike & Donna Erickson b Jon Jordan	15 a Tim & Beth Fry b Carolyn Lord b Buzz Nelson
16 b Tom Martens b Chad Morgan	17 b Jonathan Swayne b Connie Tipton	18 b Benny Rodgers b Deboria Walker	19 a David & Mary A. Jackson	20 b Josiah Blackmer	21 b Josie Dawson b Bettye King	22 ☆ Jr. High Game Night b Nicole Freseman
23 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo a Orlando & Lilly Lolo a Chuck & Mary Reeves b Skye Brown b Vita Chery b Inell Ingram	24 b Sandi Hanna b Turkessa Staley	25 b Quinia Morning	26	27 b Daniel Lord b Whitney Williams	28 a Michael & Quinia Morning	29 b Jordan Beasley
30 a Dion & Misty Hayes b Mary Brown b Simon Tyson	31 a Dan & Luann McLeod a Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro b Trey Higbee b Cherylann Wineinger					

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



We rejoice with **Janet Macdonald** who was baptized on Sunday, July 12 after morning services.



Sunday,  
July 12

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Miss Faith Cunningham; Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Mr. Heath Johnson; Miss Reanna Johnson; Ms. Cayman Macdonald; and Mr. Terry West.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN.



Dear brothers and sisters at PBL,

Thank you for all the cards and encouragement during the passing of my father-in-law, Vern Schenk. Kevin and I appreciate your kindness. May God’s blessings be with you all.

Leesa Schenk

## News & Notes

After 14 years of faithful and diligent service, **Dick Kelley** has resigned as a deacon at PBL. Dick and Marcia did an outstanding job in working especially with our widows and shut-ins, as well as coordinating meals in times of bereavement. Thank you, Dick, for your servant’s heart and your tireless efforts as a deacon. We are blessed that you and Marcia are part of the PBL family!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (July 19th)

David & Traci Sproule (Ann.)  
Jeff Leslie

Monday (July 20th)

Roselette Charles  
Gorman Ericksen

Tuesday (July 21st)

Kirk & Mendy Crews (Ann.)

Tuesday (July 21st)

Sandy Mann

Thursday (July 23rd)

Sarah Collier  
Tina Wagner

Friday (July 24th)

Dan Jenkins

## Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week. The 9:00 a.m. worship, 10:30 class and 6:00 p.m. worship will be webcast live from our website.

**Worship Services for Sunday, July 19**

9:00 a.m. .... Last Names: A thru H  
10:30 a.m. .... Bible Class  
11:30 a.m. .... Last Names: I thru Z  
6:00 p.m. .... Evening Worship for ALL

**Bible Class Locations**

Adults ..... Auditorium  
Grades 6-12 ..... Adult 1-2  
Age 3-Grade 5 .... “Stepping into the Bible”  
Toddlers ..... Toddler Room  
Babies ..... Cradle Roll

**Bible Class for Wednesday, July 22**

7:00 pm. .... ALL Meet in the Auditorium  
(Devotional, Family Prayer, then Dismissed to Classes)

**Bible Class Locations**

Adults ..... Auditorium  
Grades 6-12 ..... Adult 1-2  
Age 3-Grade 5 .... “Stepping into the Bible”  
Toddlers ..... Toddler Room  
Babies ..... Cradle Roll

### Our Record

Attendance	July 12	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	111	124
Sun. AM Worship	184	185
Sun. PM Worship	75	101
Wed. Bible Study	117	117
Contribution	\$17,809	\$15,225

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,626

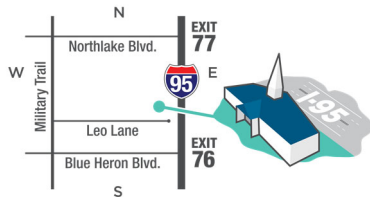
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# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
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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: **Katie Sproule & Lydia Quinn**

## What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

### He created you

(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

### He came to this earth for you

(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

### He died on the cross for you

(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

### He shed His blood for you

(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

### He was raised from the dead for you

(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

## Because...

### He loves you

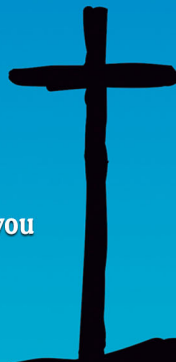
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

### He wants to save you

(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

### He wants to take you to heaven

(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



## What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

**Learn and know the truth** (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

**Obey the will of God** (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

**Believe Jesus is God's Son** (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

**Repent (turn) from your sins** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

**Confess your faith in Jesus** (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

**Be immersed into Christ** (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

**Live faithfully and serve Him** (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

## So that...

**You can prove your love for Him** (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

**You can be saved from your sins** (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

**You can go to heaven** (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)