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Welcome New Members



Gardner, Keyana

Group 2

Baptized April 7



Franck, Trinity

Group 3

Baptized June 22



Ikon, Idara

Group 4

Baptized June 28



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Our Service Times



By Dan Jenkins

Iniquity or Lawlessness

It is remarkable how accurate those scholars, commissioned by King James in 1604, were in accomplishing their assigned tasks. Forty-seven leading Biblical scholars of England spent seven years to produce a translation of the mind of God which even today has a profound impact on our culture.

They consistently translated the Greek word *anomia* as “iniquity,” and such is far from being a wrong translation. However, this Greek word reflects an even richer meaning of *anomia*. This word is a compound word combining two Greek words literally rendered as “no law.” Truly those who practice iniquity are living outside the law of our Lord. With this in mind, look at the following passages.

Jesus described the events of the Day of Judgment of all mankind as including a discussion between the Lord and those who are lost. Knowing their fate, they seek to convince the Lord they should not be condemned. “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?” (Matt. 7:22). Many in our day would view this kind of service to Christ as something to admire—prophesying, casting out demons and doing mighty works in the name of the Lord.

Such was not the way the Judge of all mankind saw

their actions. He describes their works as *anomia*. The King James Version translates this word as “iniquity,” but the literal meaning of this word is lawlessness. Whatever they had done, even though they described it as being done in the name of Jesus, was not His law. It was *not* authorized by Him. They had no respect for what Jesus had said, and ignoring what He said, they were lawless individuals.

When we read the word iniquity, we tend to think of those whose lives are openly filled with immorality and evil. Look again at that passage in Matthew. They were guilty of iniquity while appearing to be doing His will. What they were doing was iniquity because they were lawless!

When one starts down the road of ignoring the law of God, he has crossed the boundary which separates men from God. Lawlessness in “righteous actions” opens the door to even more lawlessness. Paul described those who became slaves “...of lawlessness (Greek word is *anomia*) leading to more lawlessness” (Rom. 6:19).

We are told to discern false teachers by their fruits (Matt. 7:15-16). However, do not just look at the mighty works they appear to do. This is seen when just six verses later those works are described as lawlessness (Matt. 7:22). “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father” (Matt. 7:21).

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By David Sproule

“Compromise” in Marriage?

The word “compromise” is a word that often means different things to different people. It is used often in marriage counseling, in an effort to help a husband and a wife to learn to get along and to find some kind of common ground in their relationship and even in their arguments. “Just compromise.”

However, while some may see the word as an innocent, soft term, designed to deescalate a situation and bring about a calm, someone else may see the word as an attack on their rights to happiness in a relationship, especially if they are “always the one who has to compromise.” Maybe that is why God didn’t use the word “compromise” in the Bible.

The word that God did use in the New Testament to address the marriage relationship and to describe how to settle disputes is the word “love” (or the Greek noun, *agape*). The word describes one who looks out for and seeks to meet the needs of another in an unselfish and unconditional manner. Philippians 2:3-4 is a wonderful depiction of this concept.

In marriage, rather than focus on “compromise,” focus on looking out for each other’s needs (and even desires). When a husband and a wife are both seeking to meet the needs (and even desires) of their spouse (and not forcing their

own needs and desires and demanding “compromise”), this is where true peace, harmony and happiness can be achieved in the marriage.

Of course, a spouse should never yield when it comes to matters of faith and doctrine. The church must come first, worship must be a weekly priority, Biblical morality must be defended, sin must never be condoned, and sound doctrine must never be compromised. Those are non-negotiables!

And, of course, a couple should never incur financial hardships just to have what one of them (or both of them) might desire.

But, when it comes to matters that are truly inconsequential (Biblically or financially), husbands and wives both should look for ways to put their spouse’s needs (and even desires) above their own. Whether it’s furniture, decorations, games, crafts, hobbies, pets, TV shows, etc., could it be that Jesus’ words are true even here—“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)? This goes for both husbands and wives! Both should seek for ways to elevate the other. Both should seek for ways to “give,” without looking “to receive” anything. That’s the nature of a Jesus-centered marriage!

Rather than use the word “compromise” (which is not always equally defined), what if our marriages were filled with true *agape* love, seeking to meet each other’s needs?

Seek for ways to “give,” without looking “to receive” anything.



By Josh Blackmer

Not Quite Dead Yet

If you are reading this, then the answer is obvious. However, a spiritual death might be a different matter. Sometimes we make the choice to die spiritually and put away the old man of sin. Yet, we don't completely put him away. We just compartmentalized our lives. We think or operate like "This part is for God and this part is for me." That isn't how it works. We can only have a life lived in Christ as a result of death. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal" (John 12:25). Here are few passages to consider. A checklist of spiritual death.

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20). Has the "I" been crucified or is ego still in the way? Paul speaks of complete surrender of self. My identity and all that I am is hidden in Christ. It should not be possible to turn my Christianity off and on because it is who I am.

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into

His death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:1-4). Here we see when we should die. At baptism, I should die to self. My new life starts as I come out of the water. I need to die to sin. It is possible that we set one or two aside that we haven't completely let go. Maybe we've picked up new ones. Either way, it is time to purge and get rid of those that hinder our spiritual growth.

"But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal. 6:14). The world has a way of trying to suck us back into sin. The temptations of the flesh and the devises of Satan are a constant bombardment. In Christ, we are properly armed, clothed, and continually cleansed. We need to make a conscious effort to keep the world out. Examine decisions and thought patterns. Are these of the world or of Christ?

"I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily" (1 Cor. 15:31). It's not too late. We need to choose every day to die to sin and live for Christ. When we can get there, then physical death will be a reward. "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). Lose self and gain everything.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The way some Christians treat Jesus

The very folks who should have been expecting the coming of Christ and welcomed Him with open arms into their lives and into their homes actually rejected Him. However, it is interesting to see the response that some Gentiles had to our Savior.

In Luke 7, a Gentile centurion "heard about Jesus" and pleaded "with Him to come and heal his servant" (7:3). When Jesus arrived at his home, he addressed Him as "Lord," and humbly declared, "Do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You" (7:6-7). What humility!

Unfortunately, there appear to be some Christians today who have a very different approach to Jesus. Instead, they seem to say to Him, "You come into my house when I'm ready for you. I'll come into Your house whenever I want. But, I'm busy, so don't expect much from me!" May that never be our heart! May we emulate that Gentile whose faith Jesus praised (7:9)!
- DS



What's taking God so long?

Some people wonder today how long God is going to allow the earth to still stand. Some people wonder why God hasn't destroyed America yet. Some people wonder how long the patience of God can hold out while sin is running rampant all over the globe.

In Genesis 6, "the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (6:5). Yet, he waited 120 years (6:3) before He punished sin-filled man with the flood. In Genesis 15, God foretold of the time when the inhabitants of Palestine would be judged by God and the descendants of Abraham would take possession of that great land (15:13-21). Yet, he waited 400 years before He punished that pagan land, because "the iniquity of the Amorites [was] not yet complete" (15:16). "The long-suffering of God waited" on these occasions (1 Pet. 3:20). Why? Because "the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation" (2 Pet. 3:15)! Oh, what a lesson!

What is God waiting for today? Souls to be saved! Mine, yours, and the world's! - DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks	undergoing medical tests next week
Karen Bibbee	in Encore Rehab in Boca for physical therapy
Joe Holland	under Hospice Care at Brookdale
Inell Ingram	Jupiter Pavilion for rehab (No phone calls, please)
Dan Johnson	back at Heartland Health Care for rehab
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Luann McLeod	has a fractured knee cap & internal injuries to her knee
Tom Martens	now in Gardens Court, (No calls, please)
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Karen Bibbee	treatments for lung cancer
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Linda Studer	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

Rena DeVaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care
Noel Sinclair	back in the hospital, recovering from a stroke
Kevin Wagner	Katie & Daniel's father, recovering at home
Tiffany Williams	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 26

- ◆ **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 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

- ◆ **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.

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

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, August 7

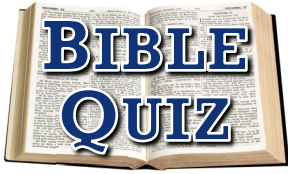
- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, August 8

- ◆ **Charged By Christ** at 10:00 a.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High youth. This is now a free event (No bowling after. Instead, there will be an activity at the church building until 7:00 p.m.) 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.



“Twenty” Bible Questions

1. With whom did Jacob live and work for TWENTY years (Genesis 31:38, 41)? _____
2. To whom did Joseph’s brothers sell him for TWENTY pieces of silver (Genesis 37:28)? _____
3. What was given to the Jews in Exodus chapter TWENTY? _____
4. What sides of the tabernacle had TWENTY boards (Exodus 26:18, 20; 36:23, 25)? _____
5. Of what material were the TWENTY pillars of the tabernacle court made (Exodus 27:9-10)? _____
6. What part of the tabernacle court was TWENTY cubits long (Exodus 27:16; 38:18)? _____
7. How many war-ready Israelites TWENTY years old and above came out of Egypt (Numbers 1:45-46)? _____
8. What happened to those TWENTY years old and above in the wilderness (Numbers 14:29)? _____
9. How many war-ready Israelites TWENTY years old and above left the wilderness (Numbers 26:51)? _____
10. Who died when he was one hundred and TWENTY years old (Deuteronomy 34:7)? _____
11. Who harshly oppressed the children of Israel for TWENTY years (Judges 4:3)? _____
12. Who judged Israel for TWENTY years (Judges 15:20)? _____
13. Where did the ark of the covenant stay for TWENTY years (1 Samuel 7:2)? _____
14. Jonathan and his armorbearer killed about TWENTY men of what nation (1 Samuel 14:11-14)? _____
15. A Levite had to be TWENTY years old in order to do what (1 Chronicles 23:24)? _____
16. What was built TWENTY cubits long, wide and high (2 Chronicles 3:8; 1 Kings 6:20)? _____
17. What did Solomon spend TWENTY years building (1 Kings 9:10; 2 Chronicles 8:1)? _____
18. Who was TWENTY years old when he became king of Judah (2 Kings 16:2)? _____
19. What spanned TWENTY feet in the Most Holy Place (2 Chronicles 3:10-13)? _____
20. What did Jesus make from six pots of TWENTY or thirty gallons of water (John 2:6)? _____

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



Sunday,
July 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Christine Joseph and Mr. Terry West.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, MacKenzie, Janie, Keeley & Brylee, Franklin, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Nate & Elizabeth Watson, Annie, Rhett & Cole, Newport, AR.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (July 26th)

Marsha Beasley
Eva Fulton

Monday (July 27th)

Willie Cox

Tuesday (July 28th)

David & Skye Brown (Ann.)

Tuesday (July 28th) (cont.)

Joy Cantrell

Thursday (July 30th)

Victor Colage

Friday (July 31st)

Robert Mariano



Directory Changes

Dan & Judie Jenkins no longer have a home phone number. They are only using their cell phones.



Thank you for the phone calls, prayers, the beautiful flowers and the outpouring of love over and over again after the passing of Justilien's brother and many other family illnesses.

Justilien & Adelene Honore

News & Notes

Our annual **South Florida Youth Summit** is on Saturday, August 8. This year's theme is "*Charged by Christ to Fight the Good Fight.*" This is now a FREE event. Instead of bowling after, there will be an activity at the church building until 7:00 p.m. All Jr. High & Sr. High youth are invited to attend. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 26 (office@pblcoc.org). See Josh Blackmer for more details.

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 26

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 29

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 19	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	NA	124
Sun. AM Worship	185	185
Sun. PM Worship	104	101
Wed. Bible Study	116	117
Contribution	\$16,225	\$15,225

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$13,908

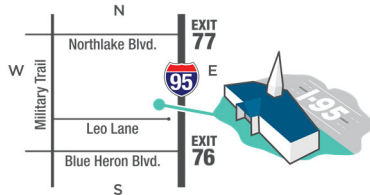
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



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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: Thomas Rogers, Carter Crofts & Sully Tyson



Service Times for Sunday, July 26

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

*Please observe proper social 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.*

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