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*Welcome New Members*



**Reeves, Marisa**

Group 2

*Baptized April 4*



**Smith, Ricky**

Group 3

*Restored June 17*



**Macdonald, Janet**

Group 2

*Baptized July 12*



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For Information on  
Our Service Times**



By Dan Jenkins

## Have You Been Taught by God?

There is marked contrast between the covenant God had with Israel and the one He now has with mankind. Judaism was a *national* religion while Christianity is characterized by the *personal* relationship one has with God. We are so blessed that this has changed, but it demands we seek to have that personal intimacy with God.

**Judaism was designed for one to be chosen by God from the day of birth.** In that Old Testament, every child was one of God’s chosen people from the day of his physical birth. The very fact that one’s parents were Jewish meant that at birth they were part of God’s chosen people. “The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the people on the face of the earth” (Deut. 7:6). That infant did not know God; he had never heard of God; he did not believe in God, yet he was a “child of God.”

**God promised that in the New Testament age all of this would change.** Six hundred years before Jesus was born, Jeremiah contrasted the covenant Jewish infants had with God with the new covenant Jesus was to bring. That Jewish child had to be taught of God and faith in Him had to come years *after* his birth. That was about to change. Jeremiah described it in these words. “No more shall every man teach his neighbor,

**God is seeking to draw you to Him by teaching you. Are you listening to Him?**

and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more” (Jer. 31:34). One became part of God’s chosen nation and *later* learned about God. Today, one becomes part of the kingdom of God by being born again (John 3:3). One must know God *before* he enters His kingdom.

**Christianity is a taught religion.** Jesus described it this way. “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me” (John 6:44-45). His plan is to send His messengers to every person in every nation and use these messengers to teach men about God *before* they become His chosen people (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15).

It is true that “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:13). But look at what follows these words. “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall the believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher” (Rom. 10:14). One cannot call on God before he hears!

God is seeking to draw you to Him by teaching you. The real question is, “Are you listening to God?”



By David Sproule

## Two Different Washings, Two Different Women

Some Bible students find interest in realizing that Jesus’ feet were anointed with oil and wiped with a woman’s hair on two different occasions. Sometimes these two events get confused as one event, because of the similarities between them, but they are definitely two distinct times in the life of Jesus. Let’s consider them.

The first anointing took place in Luke 7:36-50. Luke is the only gospel record to include this event. Unfortunately, some Bibles place a footnote with a cross-reference to Matthew 26, Mark 14 and John 12. This is an obvious mistake on their part (when the passages are all studied in context) and has led to confusion for some Bible students.

The second anointing took place in John 12:1-8, more than a year after the first anointing in Luke 7. This anointing is also recorded in parallel accounts in Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9. Again, some translations have a cross-reference to Luke 7, which confuses a Bible student with misinformation. Let’s compare these events.

The first event took place in Simon the Pharisee’s home (Luke 7:36, 40), somewhere in Galilee. The second event took place in Simon the leper’s home in Bethany (Matt. 26:6; Mark 14:3). Two different Simons. Two different homes.

**Both of these women recognized the greatness of Jesus**

Two different cities.

The first woman is described as “a woman in the city who was a sinner” (Luke 7:37), but she is not named. The second woman is identified as Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha (John 12:3; 11:2). Both women brought fragrant oil, both anointed Jesus’ feet, and both wiped His feet with their hair (Luke 7:37-38; John 12:3). The first woman also washed “His feet with her tears...and she kissed His feet” (Luke 7:38).

It may be that the first woman recognized her sinful condition before the sinless Jesus and was seeking forgiveness, since Jesus did forgive her “many” sins (Luke 7:47-50). But, Jesus specified that the second woman (Mary) was preparing “My body for burial” (Mark 14:8). Two different women. Two different occasions. Two different purposes.

Some have mistakenly tried to identify the first woman as Mary Magdalene, but there is NO Biblical evidence whatsoever to warrant such a claim. Any attempt to do so teaches something that the Bible absolutely does not.

Studying the Bible can and should be fun. There is so much to learn and so much to apply. Both of these women recognized the greatness of Jesus and their need to take a place of humility before Him. And, in doing so, both of these women were commended by Jesus. May we recognize our place before our Master and willingly serve at His feet!



By Josh Blackmer

## Do We Need God to Be Moral?

In 2019, the Pew Research Center (PRC) questioned 38,426 people in 34 countries. One of the goals was to find the connection between God and morality. The basic question is this: Can a person be morally good and not believe in God? Globally, the response was that 51% don't believe the relationship with God is necessary to have good morals. However, from country to country it varied greatly. For example, in Sweden, 90% don't think that belief in God is connected with morality. Yet, in Kenya, 95% believe good morals are connected to belief in God. In the U.S., 54% believe you can be good without God. The study shows that those in developing nations have a higher esteem of God and the importance of religion. Countries with greater wealth are less likely to put an emphasis on either. No surprise there. What do you think, reader? Is belief in God necessary in order to be moral and have good values?

To answer this, we need to define terms. In this study by PRC, "moral" and "good" were not given a standard or definition. Those are very vague terms without a context. Some believe that good might be determined by Natural Law. "Natural law holds, essentially, that there is a fundamental moral law or moral source of law above man, the basic precepts of which are reasonably knowable" (Murray, "Natural

Law and Legal Positivism in the Nuremberg Trials"). A good and virtuous German of the Nazi party in the 1940s was very different from the majority of the world. During the Nuremberg Trials, it was stated that what the Nazi party did was against Natural Law. Others might believe that law establishes morality. However, there are things you can legally do in the United States today that were socially and legally prohibited in the 1950s and 60s. Law is not an objective moral code. "Law tries to create a basic, enforceable standard of behavior necessary in order for a community to succeed and in which all people are treated equally" (*Ethics.org.au*, "Ethics, Morality, and Law—What's the Difference?"). Others might believe that a moral code is set up by socially accepted practices in a group, much like tribal laws found in isolated indigenous groups. Incidentally, our society was founded on Biblical principles, but that has been changing for a while.

Here is the crux of the matter. If we are trying to be good by our own standard of good, then we don't need God. The result of that line of thought is that there is no objective moral code. Every man will do what is right in his own eyes (Judg. 17:6). But, if you believe in God and that He created all things, then you must recognize that He is the origin of all order, which includes morality. "It is not in man who walks, to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). God is the origin of all that is right and good. Society or accepted practice is not.

**Wheel of morality turn, turn, turn. Tell us the lesson we should learn.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Let brotherly love continue

We are living in a time when so many things are being cancelled—sporting events, church events, political events, school events, etc. Is it possible that we have allowed the cancelling of so much around us to cause us to cancel our daily actions as a Christian? Is there any reason that our conduct as a child of God should have taken a break during a national crisis?

The early church faced all kinds of pressure and conflicts. The relations between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians were often strained. Persecution for faith in Jesus Christ was prevalent. It would have been so easy for those Christians to pack it in and wait for better times to engage in their Christian duties. But they didn't. In the book of Hebrews, those Christians were commended "in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints" (6:10). And, rather than say they'd done enough, the writer urged them, "Let brotherly love continue" (13:1).

Let us not cancel our ministering to each other! Especially now! Let us keep on showing love to our brethren! —DS



### Excused absence

When you are provided with an "excused absence," how do you respond? If someone is given an excused absence from school or work, they might rejoice and wish for more. But, if you were given an "excused absence" from assembling with the church to worship God, how would you respond? Would you respond in the same way as receiving an excused absence from school or work? Would you rejoice, be thankful and wish for more?

Or, would you be disappointed? Would your heart be crushed? Would you still worship, really worship, on your own? Would you pray and ask God (yea, beg God) to make your excused absence as short and temporary as possible? Would you feel completely empty?

What would you do to keep yourself from growing complacent, pleasantly accustomed, and even eager for more absences? What would you do to keep your "excused absence" from becoming an "unexcused absence"? These are things we must consider right now. —DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	in Encore Rehab in Boca for physical therapy
<b>Joe Holland</b>	under Hospice Care at Brookdale
<b>Inell Ingram</b>	in Jupiter Pavilion for rehab (No calls, please)
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	in Heartland Health 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>	in Gardens Court for rehab (No calls, please)
<b>Sallie Moses</b>	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery

## 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>Rena DeVaughn</b>	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
<b>Ron Fernander</b>	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
<b>Perrethia King</b>	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care
<b>Noel Sinclair</b>	back in the hospital, recovering from a stroke

*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, August 2

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

## Monday, August 3

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

## Tuesday, August 4

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

## Wednesday, August 5

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Meet in the Auditorium for a short devotional and the Family Prayer, then be dismissed to classes.

## 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.

## Sunday, October 11

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

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

### Tuesday, August 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crofts. 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. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Tuesday, September 8

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



## *Palm Beach Lakes* **Youth**

### 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.).

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

# 2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



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

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*August*

**SEE  
THE BIBLE**

*“My eyes fail from searching Your Word”  
(Psa. 119:82)*

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
July 26

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Mr. Heath Johnson; Mr. Laxma Mudireddy; Mr. Suresh Sadu; Ms. Danielle Thunderhawk; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. Terry West.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr., Lake Placid, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** This Week

Monday (August 3rd)

Rick & Betsy Donahue (Ann.)  
Stephen Beliech  
Allison Roman  
Seth Watson  
Henry Williams

Thursday (August 6th)

Lena Gadson

Friday (August 7th)

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)  
Kirk Crews

Tuesday (August 4th)

Sharon Masciarelli

Saturday (August 8th)

Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)  
Mary Porter  
Gary Seames

Wednesday (August 5th)

Roy & Charlene Knowles (Ann.)

Thank You  notes

Dear Palm Beach Lakes family,

Sister Sallie Moses has been receiving so many cards from her church family. We wanted to let you know that we (and she) really appreciate the cards. We are reading those cards to her every day, and they really cheer her up. Thank you so much for caring for our sweet grandmother.

Love,  
The Family of Sallie Moses



Our next **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling Night** will be on Sunday, August 2 after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out. Social distancing will be practiced.

**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, August 2**

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, August 5**

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 26	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	NA	124
Sun. AM Worship	161	185
Sun. PM Worship	88	101
Wed. Bible Study	104	121
Contribution	\$14,442	\$15,225

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$13,406

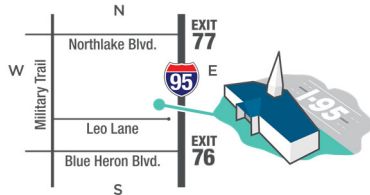
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



# 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: Dirk Summerlot, Ivan Villard & Andy Anderson



## Service Times for Sunday, August 2

*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