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**Love Is...**

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<b>Slow to suspect</b>	→	<b>Quick to trust</b>
<b>Slow to condemn</b>	→	<b>Quick to justify</b>
<b>Slow to offend</b>	→	<b>Quick to defend</b>
<b>Slow to expose</b>	→	<b>Quick to shield</b>
<b>Slow to reprimand</b>	→	<b>Quick to forbear</b>
<b>Slow to belittle</b>	→	<b>Quick to appreciate</b>
<b>Slow to demand</b>	→	<b>Quick to give</b>
<b>Slow to provoke</b>	→	<b>Quick to help</b>
<b>Slow to resent</b>	→	<b>Quick to forgive</b>



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By Dan Jenkins

## God Has Revealed Himself Using Words

Consider this. Is it possible to have an idea which you want to express to another without using words? When you visit your doctor after he examines you and runs those tests, he/she decides what medicines you need. How does he convey this to you? When he gives you a prescription, the pharmacist reads it, goes to his shelf and reads words on the labels of the larger bottles there. How do you respond? It all has to do with words conveying the ideas of one person to another. Our world is built around words.

Here's another illustration. Suppose I wanted to tell you of a dream I had. It was about a large elephant. It was a pink elephant covered with purple polka dots. This elephant was riding a unicycle going the wrong way on a busy interstate. You hear my words, and my dream has been given to you. Can there be any idea which is not expressed in words?

The will of God is revealed in words. There are some who think that God gives us vague thoughts, and then allows us to individually create our own concepts of what God might want us to do. God has spoken to us, first through prophets and finally through His son (Heb. 1:1-2). Read the Bible and one truth becomes so obvious. God has given us far more than just giving us His Word in vague thoughts—*He has given us His*

*words*. The words of the Bible convey the mind of God. It is like the doctor's words and the pink elephant dream. The will of God is found in the very words He has given us.

When God revealed His will to us, he "bypassed" the concept that human wisdom is involved in letting us know His will. Paul described this vital truth as he wrote to the church at Corinth about the process by which God has made known His eternal plan. "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God...that we might know all things, yes, the deep things of God...These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Cor. 2:10-13).

Read these words carefully again and focus on the word "also." God has revealed, and we *also* speak in words given by God. Because these words (not just word) were first given to Paul, who *also* gives us the same words, we can know even the deep things of God.

Words convey ideas. When God chose to reveal Himself to us, He selected every word. The Bible contains the very words God selected so that we can freely know His will.

Remember my dream? What was that elephant riding? Read my words to understand my dream. My words give you my dream. His words give you His will.

**A pink elephant with purple polka dots riding a unicycle on the interstate**



By David Sproule

## Remember, and Do Not Forget

Can you imagine being an Israelite in the days of Moses and being an eyewitness to some of the most incredible acts of God in the history of mankind? What would that have done for your faith? After witnessing the plagues that He brought upon Egypt and after experiencing the miraculous events of the exodus, would you feel like a spiritual giant, whose faith in God could never be toppled? Could you imagine ever questioning God or turning away from Him?

Of course, if you're like me, you would picture yourself as thoroughly enthralled with the Almighty and naturally inclined to follow and serve Him for the rest of your days. However, you know the history of the actual Israelites. You know how they quickly began to complain against Moses (and God) and to question the wisdom and the concern of the God of heaven. While we might "imagine" what we would have done "if" we were there, we read about what those who "actually were there" did do. They forgot about God!

That first generation of Israelites who came out of Egypt died in the wilderness after rejecting the Lord and His will. When the second generation arose and was on the verge of finally entering the Promised Land, Moses spoke to them in a series of messages (found in Deuteronomy), which were de-

signed to prepare them to successfully serve the Lord, especially where their parents had failed. The word "remember" (found 14 times in the book) and the word "forget" (found 14 times in some form) are key words in Moses' final words to his fellow Jews.

Moses pleaded to "remember the Lord your God" (8:18) and not to "by any means forget the Lord" (8:11, 19; 32:18). He told them to "remember" what the Lord had done for them (7:18; 8:2; 24:9). Specifically, He told them to "remember" that they were slaves (5:15; 15:15; 16:3, 12; 24:18, 22) and to not "forget the Lord who brought you out of [slavery]" (6:12; 8:14). Properly "remembering" the Lord involved being "careful to observe" His statutes (16:12) and "keeping His commandments" (8:11). As long as they would remember the Lord, remember His covenant, remember what He had done for them and submit to what He commanded them to do, then the Lord would "remember" (9:27) and "not forget" them (4:31).

While we might question the strength of the Israelites' faith, what about our own faith? Do we allow the circumstances of life around us to influence our faith in, reliance upon and devotion to our God? Let us learn from the Israelites and do all we can to not emulate their lack of faith and obedience (Heb. 3:7-19)! That way, God will favorably remember us!

**Do we allow the circumstances of life around us to influence our faith?**



By Josh Blackmer

## Communications Check

Before any force leaves base, they do a series of checks. One of those things they check is communications. Before even leaving they want to be able to communicate with base of operations. Communication is so important in warfare. In the field, you need real time info of enemy positions provided by satellite or drone surveillance. You need to communicate for clarification or direction for the mission objective. You may need to call in support or medical evacuation. There are so many reasons to have a connection with base of operations. That's why it is vital to make sure communication is synced up correctly before you head out into enemy territory.

I think it is easy to see that application for us as Christians. How is our communication with command, with our base of operations? Are we staying plugged in and synced with God? There should be a continual connection on our part (1 Thess. 5:17). We should pray with fervor (Jas. 5:16). We also need to come with boldness before the throne of grace (Heb. 4:16).

To maintain the right frequency on our prayers we need to be obedient (1 John 3:22-24). We need to be righteous as the ears of the Lord are attentive to the righteous (1 Pet. 3:12). We need to ask according to His will, by doing so we

keep everything in perspective (1 John 5:14-15). We need to ask in faith, doubting nothing (Jas. 1:5-7). We must have the right motive in our prayers (Jas. 4:3-6). We need to pray without wrath and doubting (1 Tim. 2:8).

What should pray for? Why should we call back to base of operations? We need to pray for our daily needs (Matt. 6:11). We need to pray for forgiveness of sins (Acts 8:22-24). We need to pray for God's people (Phil. 1:9-11). We need to pray for our enemies, as difficult as it may be (Matt. 5:44). We need to pray for the sick (Jas. 5:14). We need to pray for strength in the time of temptation (Matt. 6:13). We need to pray in order to resist temptation (Matt. 26:41). It could all be summed up in praying for everything (Phil. 4:6).

God wants our communication. We need to keep that in perspective. The Creator of the universe wants me to communicate with Him. What a blessing that we have been given in prayer. Satan is that roaring lion, and we need help confronting the enemy. We've tried on our own, and we know the results. We are powerless by ourselves. Every ability, spiritual blessing, and spiritual fortification is in God and Christ. Why would we try to live a spiritual life on our own without that most vital connection? We must cultivate the habit and not let it slip. It needs to be something that we look forward to doing and know that God is listening.

**Are we plugged in and ready?**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "I need to work on my attitude!"

These are frustrating times! Our lives have been turned inside out and upside down, in some respects. People on television and the internet seem bent on stirring us up to fear inside and angry hatred on the outside. Perhaps you have noticed a change in your attitude. Are you less joyful? Less optimistic? Less pleasant to be around? Are you more irritable? More easily frustrated? More susceptible to lose your temper at the slightest (even inconsequential) thing?

It is likely that all of us can say, "I need to work on my attitude!" What can we do? First, control what influences we allow into our hearts from the outside (Mark 7:21-23). We need to do a better job of "turning it off." Second, we need to spend more time in the Word and less time in front of a screen (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:2). Third, we need to talk to our Father about what's going on, be open with Him, and plead with Him to help us (Phil. 4:6-7; Psa. 34:4).

I cannot fix my attitude without God's help! And, for sure, my attitude needs some fixing! – DS



### The Bible stories were written for you!

Why did God put the stories of Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Joshua and David in the Bible? We might think that they are there to honor and indelibly publicize those Bible heroes for what they did. That could be, but it's not the prime reason. We might think that they were there for children to have bedtime stories. That could be, but it's not the prime reason.

In Romans 4, the inspired penmen reflected on the life, faith and obedience of the great patriarch Abraham. At the end of that record, the apostle Paul stated, "And therefore 'it was accounted to him for righteousness.' Now it was not written for his [Abraham's] sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us" (4:22-24). That which was written about Abraham was written "for us"! It is there for our "learning" (Rom. 15:4) and our "admonition" (1 Cor. 10:11)!

The Bible stories are there for you! God had His penman record them for you! Are you reading them? Studying them? Loving them? – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Richard Haines</b>	dealing with constant pain
<b>Joe Holland</b>	under Hospice Care at Brookdale
<b>Inell Ingram</b>	Jupiter Pavilion for rehab (No phone calls, please)
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	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>	Gardens Court for rehab (No phone calls, please)
<b>Sallie Moses</b>	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
<b>Angie Seames</b>	having surgery on her Achilles tendon on Tuesday (8/11)

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Linda Studer</b>	chemo every three weeks

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Don & Betty Matter
Annie Faison	Deidra Miley
Dianne Frye	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe Holland	Patricia Ventress



**the family of Karen Bibbee**, who passed away on Saturday, August 1.

**the family of Harriet Morris**, who passed away on Saturday, August 1. The funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 15

at Brown's Funeral Home (Lantana). The viewing will be at 9:30-10:30 a.m. followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m.

**Justilien Honore, upon the passing of his mother, Difical Geffard**, this week.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Rena DeV Vaughn</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 9

- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: A thru H** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Bible Study for ALL members** at 10:30 a.m. All adults, Jr. High and Sr. High will meet in the Auditorium. Children in Grades 5 & under will go to their regular classes.
- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: I thru Z** at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Evening Worship for ALL members** at 6:00 p.m.

## Monday, August 10

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

## Tuesday, August 11

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

## Wednesday, August 12

- ◆ **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**

### 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. Location TBD.

### Tuesday, September 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD.

### Saturday, September 19

- ◆ **Jr. High & Young Adult Bowling** at 4:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Friday, October 2

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



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

### Sunday, August 23

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

### 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.

### Sunday, September 13

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

### Saturday, September 19

- ◆ **Jr. High & Young Adult Bowling** at 4:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

# Christ at the Door of Your Heart?

By Dave Miller



One of the most familiar expressions uttered within Christendom is: “Christ stands at the door of your heart.” Many have been the preachers who have urged their hearers to “invite Jesus into their hearts”

in order to be forgiven of sin and made a Christian. Someone said if you repeat a statement enough times, people will come to accept it on the basis of sheer repetition and familiarity. The admonition that “Christ stands at the door of your heart” has been repeated so frequently that, for many, to question it is unthinkable. One would think that since this approach to salvation is so widespread, and the expression is so predominant, that surely the statement can be found in Scripture—even if only in so many words. How disturbing to realize that **the statement is not found in Scripture** and that the Bible simply does not teach this doctrine!

The phraseology is reminiscent of Revelation 3:20—the passage usually quoted to support the idea of Christ standing at the door of one’s heart. But observe the context. Revelation chapters two and three consist of seven specific mini-letters directed to the seven churches of Christ in Asia Minor near the end of the first century. At the outset, one must recognize that Revelation 3:20 is addressed to Christians—not non-Christians on the verge of conversion.

Second, the verse is found among Christ’s remarks to the church in Laodicea. Jesus made clear that the church had moved into an unfaithful condition. They were **lost**. They were unacceptable to God since they were “lukewarm” (3:16). They had become unsaved since their spiritual condition was “wretched and miserable and poor” (3:17). Thus, in a very real sense, Jesus had abandoned them by removing His presence from their midst. Now He was on the outside looking in. He still wanted to be among them, but the decision was up to them. They had to recognize His absence, hear Him knocking for admission, and open the door—all of which is figurative language to say that they must **repent** (3:19). They would have to return to the obedient lifestyle so essential to receiving God’s favor (John 14:21,23).

This means that Revelation 3:20 **in no way** supports the idea that non-Christians merely have to “open the door of their heart” and “invite Jesus in” with the assurance that the moment they mentally/verbally do so, Jesus will come into their heart and they will be simultaneously saved from all past sin and counted as Christians! The **context** of Revelation 3:20 shows that Jesus was **seeking readmission into an apostate church**.

“But doesn’t the Bible teach that Christ does come into a person’s heart?” Yes. But not the way the religious world suggests. Ephesians 3:17 states that Christ dwells in the heart **through** faith. Faith can be acquired only by hearing biblical truth (Romans 10:17). When that biblical truth is **obeyed**, the individual is “saved by faith” (Hebrews 5:9; James 2:22; 1 Peter 1:22; et al.). So Christ enters our lives when we “draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of **faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [i.e., when we **repent** of our sins] and our bodies washed with pure water [i.e., when we are **baptized** in water]” (Hebrews 10:22). Here is the New Testament (i.e., non-denominational) way to accept Christ.

<http://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&article=1184>

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



Sunday,  
August 2

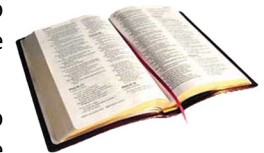
**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Mr. Heath Johnson; Miss Reanna Johnson; and Mr. Terry West.

## News & Notes

On Sunday, August 2, it was exciting to hear the elders put **Paul Metzkes** before the church as a possible elder. They have given us two weeks to pray about this and to consider Paul next to the qualifications in the New Testament. There is a handout in the back of the Auditorium that lists the qualifications of elders. Please take one and use it as you pray.

### Elders in the Lord's church are:

- **Elders:** men of wisdom and experience
- **Overseers (Bishops):** men who oversee and lead the work of the church
- **Shepherds (Pastors):** men who watch, care, feed and protect the church
- **Stewards:** men who are responsible for the church and each member



We rejoice with **Connor Goodale**, who was baptized after evening services on Sunday, August 2. He is listed in the directory with his family.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

### Monday (August 10th)

Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)  
Chris & Brittany Thompson (Ann.)  
Paulette Cole  
Loretta Holaday  
Dan McLeod  
Paul Metzkes  
Cody Price  
Wesley Williams

### Tuesday (August 11th)

Letha Anderson

### Wednesday (August 12th)

Loretta James

### Friday (August 14th)

Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.)  
Jon Jordan

### Saturday (August 15th)

Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.)  
Carolyn Lord  
Buzz Nelson

## 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 9**

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 12**

7:00 pm. .... Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing ..... Josh Blackmer  
Invitation ..... Johnny Davis  
Family Prayer ..... Cam Crotts

*(We will have a devotional, the Family Prayer, then be dismissed to classes)*

## Our Record

Attendance	<u>Aug. 2</u>	<u>July Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	NA	108
Sun. AM Worship	NA	178
Sun. PM Worship	115	91
Wed. Bible Study	121	110
Contribution	\$12,752	\$16,323

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,214

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

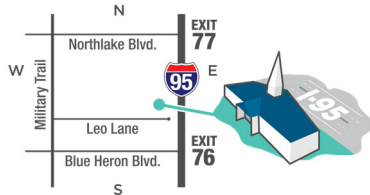




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: Claire Crews



## Service Times for Sunday, August 9

*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