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- David Sproule 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer 319-1418

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**Paul
Metzkes
*Ordained
As Elder***



The ordaining of **Paul Metzkes** as an elder at Palm Beach Lakes continues to give great promise and confidence to the future of this congregation. The appointing of an elder has more than just an immediate impact; the appointing of an elder will potentially flavor and shape a congregation for decades.

Paul and Lisa came to Palm Beach Lakes in early 2011. They have been married for 31 years, and they have two children: Meagan who lives locally and Austin (married to Holly) who lives in Nashville. Both are faithful members of the church. Paul served as a deacon at PBL for the last 8 years and truly demonstrated a servant’s heart in every assignment.

Paul, we are excited to have you as one of our elders, which gives us great joy and hope for our future. As you enter into your new role as one of the shepherds and overseers of this church, we will keep you (and all of the elders) in our prayers, that you will have a heart of a shepherd, a devotion to the truth, an eye for souls and an example worthy of following. We thank God for your willingness to serve!



By Dan Jenkins

Who Is the Father of Your Child?

There are hundreds of churches around the world which are struggling because of a lack of leadership. Every year there are preachers who decide to no longer preach and many others who, because of failing health or advanced age, no longer stand as God's messengers. Add to this the fact that death takes many from us. The truth is that the number of preachers who graduate from our colleges and schools of preaching are not replacing those who no longer preach. It is a serious problem in the church.

Consider also the fact that even more churches are suffering because of a lack of qualified elders and deacons. Many congregations which in time past had elders no longer have them. There is a diminishing number of men who take seriously the work of serving as deacons. How has all of this come about?

The Lord's plan is very simple. It is for godly parents to fully understand their place in rearing their children to lead His people. We think of our children as being ours, but such is far from the truth. The Jews took what they thought were *their* children and actually sacrificed them to idols. How did God see this? "You have slain My children and offered them up" (Ezek. 16:21). Our children are not *ours* but *His*. They are God's *before* He gives them to us. "Behold, children are a heritage from

the Lord" (Psa. 127:3). We receive our inheritance from the Lord when we are in our twenties!

Hannah understood this. She was no different from the way many of you were. When in your teens you thought about your future—who you would marry, where you would live and the children you would have. Hannah's plan had not come about, for though she had a husband she had no children and agonized in prayer that she might have them. God heard her prayer and gave her Samuel. She gave him back to God by giving him up while he was so young. Her words? "For this child I prayed and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:27-28).

The leadership problem facing the church is serious because we have lost sight of His plan. It has come about because we no longer see our children like those in the past saw their children. Parents, I urge you to change your view of those precious little ones in your home. They are not *your* children but *His*. How we view them drastically changes how we raise them. Every time Hannah called Samuel by name (his name means "a gift from God"), he was reminded of the fact that God had given him to Hannah so that she could give him back to God! How does this differ from you and your children? More next week.

When he heard his name he was reminded that he was born to serve God.



By David Sproule

"I Give You All of Me"

Popular love songs often have lyrics that are adept at describing a Christian's relationship with his God. Such are some of the words of the chorus of John Legend's "All of Me." Think about these words as if they were written about you and your Savior. "Cause all of me loves all of you...You're my end and my beginning, Even when I lose I'm winning, 'Cause I give you all of me, And you give me all of you."

Now, don't get distracted by this popular artist. Think about how these words simply reflect the words that Jesus used to depict our responsibility toward our God. In Mark 12:29-30, Jesus said that "the first of all the commandments is...You shall love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, with ALL your mind, and with ALL your strength." What does that look like: "ALL of me loves ALL of You, my God!" "I give You all of me, my Savior!"

When we love the Lord with ALL of our heart, ALL of our soul, ALL of our mind and ALL of our strength, WHAT'S LEFT? God is not interested in having "a special place in your heart"—He is interested in having ALL of your heart. This may sound like wishful-thinking or best-case-scenario, but if that's the case, why would the Lord be so emphatic on this point? Even in the Old Testament, Solomon wrote, "Let us hear the

conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all" (Ecc. 12:13). This is man's what? This is man's "all"! The WHOLE of man is to love and serve the WHOLE of God!

I must not hold anything back from the Lord in my service, for (think about this!) He did not hold back anything from me! "Lord, I give You all of me." Why? "Because You gave me all of You!" God gave Himself (not someone else) to come to this earth (John 1:1-3, 14). God gave Himself (not someone or something else) on the cross (Phil. 2:6-8). God gives me, as His child, the opportunity to even be a "partaker" of His "divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4). What a thought!

How do I show the Lord (not just in mere words) that "all of me loves all of Him"? How can He know that "I give Him all of me"? It is reflected in my priorities on this earth (Col. 3:1-3). It is reflected in my sacrifice of self and denunciation of the world (Rom. 12:1-2). It is reflected in my love for and involvement in the church (Matt. 6:33). It is reflected in my worship of Him (Col. 3:16). It is reflected in my daily choices (1 Pet. 2:9-12). It is reflected in my efforts to tell others about Him (1 Cor. 2:1-2).

God alone is worthy of my all! God alone is worthy of such love! I must give Him my all, not for my own sake, but for His own sake! He alone is worthy!

"All of me loves all of you... You're my end and my beginning"



By Josh Blackmer

What Is Your Soul Worth?

Who does my soul belong to? Do we take time to examine what we are putting in our souls? We typically eat what we like or is easy. Similarly, we put into our souls what we like or is easy. Have we stopped to think about the demands of our souls and who can rightfully make those demands?

It was God that made man in His image (Gen. 1:26-27). It was God that breathed life into man (Gen. 2:7). God said to Ezekiel, “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine” (Ezek. 18:4). As Jesus spoke to the Father, “Yet not as I will, but as You will” (Matt. 26:39). Peter echoes this idea and asked us to arm ourselves with this submission of the soul. “Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God” (1 Pet. 4:1-2). God made us, and it is our duty to submit our will to the will of God.

We need to make sure our soul’s desire is not misguided. It is possible in today’s culture to do whatever we feel. Feelings and fleshly desires are not a safe guide and lend themselves to guiding us down the wrong path. Paul wrote,

“Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law” (Gal. 5:16-18). This idea of flesh versus spirit has at its core the concept of our soul. Which will win out? Or which will we allow to dominate our souls? The battle is that we are spirit in a flesh “tent,” as Paul would say. So, if we are paying closer attention to the flesh, we have the temptations that are listed in this passage as the “deeds of the flesh.” However, if we keep ourselves in tune with what the Spirit teaches, then we are more likely to practice the fruits of the Spirit: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Gal. 5:22-23).

Paul finishes his letter to the church in Thessalonica with these words, “But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:21-23). It is my prayer that we can maintain this focus on those things which are most important. “For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:36-37).

What is in your soul?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

God will do what’s right

The Lord told Abraham that He was going to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness—specifically because of the sodomy/homosexuality that was being practiced inside those cities (Gen. 18:16-21; Jude 7). Abraham pleaded with the Lord to spare the righteous in those cities and then he drew this conclusion about the Lord, “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Gen. 18:25).

Abraham’s heart ached for the people, but He knew first of all that God was “the Judge of all the earth” and Abraham was not. Second, whatever position the Lord took or action the Lord took, Abraham knew that it would be “right” (whether Abraham agreed or disagreed with it).

We live in a time when more and more people are living in open rebellion to the will of God. Let us remember that God is “the Judge,” and it is His unchanging Word that is our unchanging standard. Thus, let us remember that God’s way is “right,” even if everyone does wrong. – DS



They are new every morning

In the midst of great laments for the children of Israel and the woeful results of their disobedience, Jeremiah took time to focus on the mercies, compassions and promises of God, which he emphasized are “new every morning” (Lam. 3:22-23). Think about that! For a child of God, even in times of despair, there are blessings from God that are “new every morning.”

We have new blessings every morning – the blessing to see another day, the blessing to behold God’s beautiful creation, the blessing to spend time with God in His Word and in prayer, the blessing to be reminded of the ever-present, always-abundant goodness of God. We have new opportunities every morning – the opportunity to reach out to lost souls, the opportunity to encourage brothers and sisters in Christ, the opportunity to praise the Lord, the opportunity to do good, to share and to make a difference for the Lord.

When you open your eyes each morning, look for new blessings and opportunities from God. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	recovering at home
Richard Haines	dealing with constant pain
Joe Holland	under Hospice Care at Brookdale
Inell Ingram	now in Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Tom Martens	Gardens Court for rehab (No phone calls, please)
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Carolyn Preston	diagnosed with vertigo
Angie Seames	recovering from surgery on her Achilles tendon
Kevin Weeks	Martin Memorial North, being treated for COVID-19



Isolyn Sinclair, upon the passing of her husband, Noel Sinclair, on Monday, August 17.

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Linda Studer	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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Rena DeVaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care
Carolyn Miller	Marcia Clough-Moss' mother-in-law, Cleveland Clinic
Adrian Patterson	Deborah Lynch's mother, diagnosed with COVID-19

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 23

- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: A thru H** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Bible Study for ALL members** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **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 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 26

- ◆ **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 30

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

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 in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

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. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 19

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 b Ashley Alfaro b Johnny Davis b Jessica Ramirez b Nahum Villard	3 a Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts	4 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Gary & Doris Friedly b Nate Nelson b Marty Williams	5 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Chuck & Trish Clark
6 b Derrick Banks	7 b Ariana Aristy b Bill Ingram, Jr. b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner	8 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Trinity Franck b Verdell March b Katie Sproule	9 b Jennifer Walker	10 b Debi Watson	11 a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss	12 b Michell Castonguay b Darin Summerlot
13 ☆ Wayne Parker Mission Report ☆ Youth & Family Singing	14 b Josh Blackmer b Taylor Hayes	15	16 a Justilien & Adelene Honore b Peggy Hall	17 b Mike Ellis b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes	18 b Marcia Kelley	19 ☆ Jr. High & Young Adult Family Bowling b Justilien Honore
20 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship b Sue Maisano	21	22 b Luann McLeod	23	24 a Johnny & Betty Davis b Cornelius Brown b Sabrina Swayne	25 b Dan Fuller	26 b Betty Davis b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers
27 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo	28 b Graysen Hayes	29 b Angelica Fernandez	30			

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 16

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Mr. Sean Macdonald; Ms. Danielle Thunderhawk; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Valerie Barnes, Niceville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Cody & Jessi Brown, Rosemount, MN; Mr. Jacob Campbell, Franklin, TN; Mrs. Julie Combs, Punta Gorda, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Eli & Kristen Dye, Addison, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Kennesaw, GA; Miss Lauren Fuller, Franklin, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan & Julie Jenkins, Melbourne Beach, FL; Mrs. Sheri Jenkins, Lilburn, GA; Mrs. Michelle Post, Cheyenne & Simon, Chamblee, GA; Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; and Mrs. Julie True, Franklin, TN.

News & Notes

Inell Ingram is now staying at Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter. Her birthday is on Sunday, so cards would be very encouraging to her. Please continue to keep Bill & Inell in your prayers.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (August 23rd)

Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)
Chuck & Mary Reeves (Ann.)
Skye Brown
Vita Chery
Inell Ingram

Thursday (August 27th)

Daniel Lord
Whitney Williams

Friday (August 28th)

Michael & Quinia Morning (Ann.)

Monday (August 24th)

Sandi Hanna
Turkessa Staley

Saturday (August 29th)

Jordan Beasley

Tuesday (August 25th)

Quinia Morning



Our hearts are full with the love shown to us during this most difficult time. Thank you for all the prayers, hugs, visits and food. We ask that you keep us in prayer in the weeks to come. We love our church family and are thankful for each one of you.

In Christ's love,
The Summerlot and Wagner families

Thank you for the lovely flowers you sent. It was greatly appreciated.

The Schenk Family

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 23

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 26

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Dion Hayes
Invitation Josiah Blackmer
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

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

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 16	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	107	108
Sun. AM Worship	204	178
Sun. PM Worship	110	91
Wed. Bible Study	96	110
Contribution	\$14,328	\$16,323

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,737

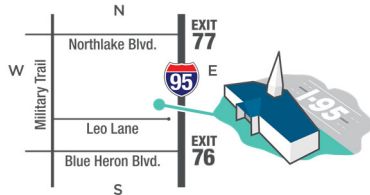
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Bible Classes..... 10:30 a.m.
Worship 11:30 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Jennifer & Trey Higbee



Service Times for Sunday, August 23

*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