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 For Information on  
**Our Service Times**



By Dan Jenkins

## Young People Need More Than Godly Parents

Two weeks ago, I wrote the first article on the increasing need for preachers to be developed in the church. At that time, I had no plans to write much about this, but the more I have thought about it, the more I see that these matters need to be discussed. You can have a modern “Hannah or Lois or Eunice,” but there is an urgent need for a modern “Eli or Paul” to help develop a modern “Samuel or Timothy.”

In past years, parents saw their children as gifts lent to them by God to train them to be lent back to God. These parents were helped by many members of the church who played a part in the development of our youth. This has changed, and the lack of church leaders today is the evidence for this.

Have you ever thought about those influences which developed Mark? Nothing is said about his father, but his mother is specifically mentioned as using her house as the place for the church to meet (Acts 12:12). Such had to impact this future leader of the church and helped develop him to become the author of one of the gospels. Mark had a cousin, Barnabas, who was part of his development (Col. 4:10). There is no way to know the details as to what happened, but when Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch after taking benevolent help to Jerusalem, both of them were part of taking

young Mark from his hometown to be part of the work in Antioch. Mark became part of the team which first took the gospel throughout the island nation of Cyprus. Mark’s mother started the young man in the right direction, but would he have ever developed had not members of the church played a vital role?

Barnabas took another young Christian and helped develop Saul of Tarsus. He likely was not young in age but was young in the faith. As a youth Saul was taught, most likely by his parents, a vital truth. Paul said, “I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men” (Acts 24:16, see also Acts 23:1). This truth enabled those in the church to develop the future apostle. The “young” Christian, Paul, was taken under the wing of the “older” Christian, Barnabas, when the church did not even want Paul to be used by the church (Acts 9:26-27). Later Barnabas traveled over 150 miles to bring the “young” Christian from Tarsus to help the church in Antioch. There may have never been a Saul without his parents laying the foundation, and there may have never been a Saul without a Barnabas helping develop him.

There are other illustrations which show this truth even more vividly, but let me urge you to look inwardly to see what role you can play in impacting the destiny of the church—not as a parent, but as one who sees the worth of young Mark, or “young” Paul and does all they can. We all can do more!

**There also were many church members who helped develop church leaders**



By David Sproule

## Thou Shalt Not Steal

There may be some who think that the subject of this article is insensitive or inappropriate. It is not intended to be at all. The purpose is to get us to saturate our thinking and our decisions with God’s Word.

Think for a moment how frequently and how strongly God spoke about the subject of stealing. His clarity on this subject is unequivocal. Think for a moment about what we see happening today. Is there any “stealing” going on that is being publicized widely? Is there any “stealing” going on today that is even, by some, being accepted and justified?

For the last several weeks, what have we seen on the news? Have we seen individuals breaking into a store and walking out with items for which they did not pay? Have we seen individuals break, ruin and even burn things that belonged to someone else? Can I ask you a question? Have you heard anyone during those reports explain how the “taking,” the “destroying,” the “burning” in these particular situations is “understandable” and even “justifiable”? It is certainly easy to get caught up in the emotions of present-day events, but is there ever a time when it is right to do wrong? Is a sin ever not a sin?

Consider for a moment what God says. “You shall not steal” (Ex. 20:15). Two verses earlier, He said it is wrong to

steal someone’s life. One verse earlier, He said it is wrong to steal someone’s spouse. One verse later, He said it is wrong to steal someone’s trust. He puts the same thoughts together again in Leviticus 19: “You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another...You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him” (19:11, 13). Another person’s property must be respected—care and responsibility for that which is another’s is essential (Ex. 22:7-27). There’s no room for stealing of any kind.

**Taking something that is not mine will cost me my soul!**

In the New Testament, we are commanded, “Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need” (Eph. 4:28). There is no room at all in the verse for seeking to justify stealing at any time for any reason. There are eternal ramifications for such actions. Among other sins, those who steal (i.e., “thieves”) “will not inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Cor. 6:9-10). Taking something that is not mine will cost me my soul!

Achan didn’t think it would be a big deal to take what was not his in Joshua 7. After all, it was “there for the taking.” However, his stealing harmed his nation and destroyed his family. Think about that. There’s no justification for stealing!

Wrong is always wrong! There is never an exception to that! Sin is always sin! There is never an exception to that! May God help us to not try to accept it or justify it...ever!



By Josh Blackmer

## How Strong Is Our Resolve?

Being a Christian in the United States has been convenient in some ways. It was an accepted world view. Not everyone was happy with it, but there was no overt animosity toward Christendom. That convenience has been waning. I have been of the opinion that the benign opinion of the masses toward Christianity wouldn't last. The church was birthed in persecution and hatred. The world's response to the gospel has always ebbed and flowed over time. It is only natural that we would see another shift. Paul wrote, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths" (2 Tim. 4:3-4). I didn't see it coming so soon and quickly. The ire and animosity toward any conservative values is palpable now. Are we ready?

This is not a doom's day message. This is a reality check. The danger of service to God was a daily reality for the early church and other brothers and sisters through time. Even now congregations are under attack in other countries like Nigeria by radical Islamists. This is from Sylvester Imogo, a brother in Nigeria: "But right now Muslim militia and terrorists have circulated virtually everywhere in the North and South

[Nigeria]. Life for most people is unsafe. Ordinary trips to the market, farms, and other places of economic activities are now dangerous. And this is worsening the state of poverty and suffering. We are living every day at a time and looking forward to the day that God in His Providence would intervene."

What are we doing to prepare ourselves for the future of the church in the U.S.? "For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin" (Heb. 12:3-4). Christ is our supreme example in all things. He didn't promise a life free of suffering. He promised an eternal rest after this life. He needed to look forward to the reward, "who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross" (Heb 12:3). We need to strengthen our faith in the small choices, so that when the big things come along, we are already resolved to see this life as a Christian through to the end.

In comparison with eternity, the important things we need to focus on right now are not masks, not political affiliation, and not social injustice. Those are all things that would divide the church if we are not careful. The important things right now are these: Am I resolved to follow Christ no matter the cost? Am I resolved to help those around me? Am I resolved to maintain unity and the bond of peace in the church?

Are we ready?

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Exposing the darkness

Here's a newsflash (not really): There is darkness all around us! Of course, you already knew that! The darkness of sin, ungodliness and immorality has filled the earth since Adam and Eve were driven from the garden. What can you do about it? One responsibility we have is to "expose" the "unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11). How do we do that?

Take time to read **Ephesians 5:8-14**. Go ahead. While "you were once **darkness**," you must now "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of **darkness**, but rather expose them." Read through and mark the **five** times you read the word "**light**," and you will discover how we are to expose the darkness. "Now you are **light** in the Lord... Walk as children of **light**...All things are that are exposed are made manifest by the **light**, for whatever makes manifest is **light**."

As we (1) live a life in His "light," (2) preach the message of His "light," and (3) defend the truth of His "light," it is God's light that exposes darkness. Live it! Preach it! Defend it! – DS



### For better or worse

A New York Post article recently stated, "Divorce rates have spiked in the U.S. during the coronavirus pandemic as couples have been stuck at home for months...The combination of stress, unemployment, financial strain, death of loved ones, illness, homeschooling children, mental illnesses, and more has put a significant strain on relationships."

There are some things, when you get married, that you just don't see coming. A pandemic would certainly be one example. But, is a pandemic the "worst" thing that can happen to a relationship? Marriage is not a game. It is not something to rush into. It is not something to take lightly, with plans to bail if it doesn't work out. Marriage is a lifelong commitment.

The Creator of marriage designed it to be "until death do us part" (cf. Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:6; Rom. 7:4). May God help us to respect His plan, to love His plan, to follow His plan, to enjoy His plan, and to ask for His help to stick to His plan. Let us give our best to our marriages! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests, awaiting results
<b>Patricia Hackshaw</b>	now at home, undergoing therapy
<b>Richard Haines</b>	dealing with constant pain
<b>Joe Holland</b>	will be removed from Hospice Care on 9/18, stabilized
<b>Trudie Holland</b>	having eye problems
<b>Inell Ingram</b>	now in Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	recovering at home
<b>John Loftis</b>	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
<b>Carolyn Lord</b>	sprained her ankle
<b>Tom Martens</b>	Select Specialty Hospital
<b>Sallie Moses</b>	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
<b>Phyiona Patterson</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Angie Seames</b>	recovering from surgery on her Achilles tendon
<b>Linda Studer</b>	different chemo treatments, once a week for 3 weeks
<b>Kevin Weeks</b>	recovering at home, slowly improving

## 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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Bethany Boggs</b>	Gary & Angie Seames' daughter, gallbladder surgery (9/4)
<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>Carolyn Miller</b>	Marcia Clough-Moss' mother-in-law, cancer treatments
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing medical tests
<b>Jay Tyson</b>	Shaun Tyson's father, hospital, chronic weakness

*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, September 6

- ◆ **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, September 7

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.
- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Tuesday, September 8

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

## Wednesday, September 9

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. See page 7 for children's classroom locations.

## Thursday, September 10

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 2 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible study.

## 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.

## Thursday, September 17

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 3 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible study.

## Sunday, September 20

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

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

## Monday, September 7

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Tuesday, September 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Bring a side dish, dessert or drink to share. See Cindy or Traci 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.

## Saturday, October 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## Monday, October 5

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m.



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

## Sunday, September 6

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

## Monday, September 7

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## 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.

## Friday-Monday, September 25-28

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$50 per person. We will leave from the building at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and return on Monday. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 20.

# 2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



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

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*September*

**SEE  
BRETHREN**

*“Look out for the interests of others”  
(Phil. 2:4)*

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



Sunday,  
August 30

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (September 6th)

Derrick Banks

Monday (September 7th)

Ariana Aristy  
Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Scott Lewis  
Daniel Wagner

Tuesday (September 8th)

Trinity Franck  
Verdell March  
Katie Sproule

Wednesday (September 9th)

Jennifer Walker

Thursday (September 10th)

Debi Watson

Friday (September 11th)

Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (Ann.)

Saturday (September 12th)

Michell Castonguay  
Darin Summerlot

## News & Notes

**September Family Group Online Zoom Bible Studies** will be on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Members of each group will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible study.

**Family Group 2** will meet on September 10.

**Family Group 3** will meet on September 17.

**Family Group 4** will meet on September 24.



**PBL has a Congregational Subscription to PTP365.** To use this great tool, you will now need to create your own personal log in. Go to <https://365.polishingthepulpit.com/>. Click on "Sign Up." Select the third option: "I am a member of a subscribing congregation." Type in "Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ" for the Congregation Name, and enter your own personal name and email address. It will send us an email, and once the church office verifies that you are a PBL member, you will be given access to PTP365. The first time you connect, you will need to enter a password for your account. **Reminder: This is ONLY for current PBL members (not for family, friends or former members).**

## 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, September 6**

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, September 9**

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

Leading Singing ..... Jimmie Banks

Invitation ..... Josh Blackmer

Family Prayer ..... Ivan Villard

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

### Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 30	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	110	108
Sun. AM Worship	176	178
Sun. PM Worship	NA	91
Wed. Bible Study	112	110
Contribution	\$16,540	\$16,323

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$15,236

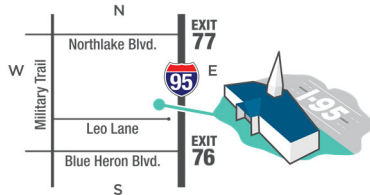
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*Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.*



### 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: **Kathy & Levi Nelson**



## Service Times for Sunday, September 6

*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