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## Our Shepherds



*Palm Beach Lakes is blessed to have these six men shepherding us, leading us, encouraging us, teaching us, watching out for us and helping us to get to heaven together!*

*Please keep each of them and their families in your prayers on a daily basis!*

*Thank you, **Johnny, Dan, Jerry, Paul, Phil and Richard!** We love you!*



By Dan Jenkins

## Can You “Secretly” Be His Disciple?

There was no way one could see the miracles of Jesus and not be forced to make a decision about who He was. Unlike the “miracles” of televangelists of our day, His miracles were always instantaneous, complete healing and never a failure. He immediately restored hands visibly deformed, cleansed those whose leprosy was obvious to all, and He even raised the dead. What an amazing contrast between what He did and those pseudo-miracles of our day.

Look at the impact of Jesus’ miracles on the multitudes. Jesus said to the crippled man who was let down through the roof to see Him, “I say to you, take up your bed and go to your own house.” When that man picked up his bed and walked home, everyone saw it. “So they were all amazed and glorified God saying, ‘We never say anything like this’” (Mark 2:11-12)!

When the Jewish leaders saw the crippled man healed by the apostles, they met to discuss how to handle it. “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it” (Acts 4:16). Look at the verse again. It is evident to *all who dwell in Jerusalem*. The evidence was so powerful that they added, “We cannot deny it.”

Those who saw the miracles were forced to make a

decision. One response was that of the religious leaders in Mark 12:22-24. Jesus cast out the demon which had caused a man to be blind and mute. Immediately he could see and began to talk. “All the multitudes were amazed and said, ‘Could this be the Son of David?’” It was obvious to all. The power of the religious leaders was threatened so they responded, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” They openly rejected the evidence.

**Some reject Jesus openly while others did it secretly. There is no difference.**

These leaders kept seeing the evidence and note what happened, “Among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue” (John 12:42). Did this change their lives? The Bible describes why they did not change. “For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” One cannot be a disciple of Jesus when what the world thinks of them has such control of their lives.

Could this happen today? Could it happen to us? Think of how easy it is to know about the miracles of Jesus and believe they happen, yet there is no change. There were those who saw His miracles and *openly* rejected Him. There were others who saw His miracles and *secretly* rejected Him.

What about you? Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe His miracles? Has it changed your life? One really cannot be His disciple *secretly*. Let Him change you today!



By David Sproule

## When You Give on Sunday, Do You Worship?

The coronavirus has changed the way some congregations are doing the contribution on Sundays and the way some individual Christians are giving on Sundays. As in all things, we must ask, “What does the Bible say about our giving on Sundays?” A modern-day practice or even a long-time tradition should never cause us to do something that is not authorized.

Let’s examine first what we know about worship itself. First, worship involves **purpose**. Just as Abraham (Gen. 22:5) and the wise men (Matt. 2:2) planned ahead to “worship,” so also our worship must be intentional. Interestingly, the Bible uses that very word to describe our giving—“let each one give as he purposes” (2 Cor. 9:7). Second, worship involves **action**. The word “worship” is used throughout the Bible as an action verb, to emphasize something that was being done (Deut. 12:4; Psa. 95:6; Matt. 4:10; John 4:23-24). Third, worship involves **the heart**. There must be emotion in our worship. It is not merely “going through the motions.” Worship is to be done “in spirit” (John 4:23-24), which emphasizes the engagement of one’s mind, one’s heart, one’s emotions in worship, as seen in giving as one “purposes in his heart” (2 Cor. 9:7; see also Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16, 1 Cor. 11:28, Matt. 15:8-9). Fourth, worship requires **authority**. We are not permitted to do anything in the name of “worship”

**“On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside”**

that is not authorized by the Lord. Thus, “truth” must be the authority for all that we do in worship (John 4:24), as we “give” and “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psa. 29:2).

So, back to the matter of giving. What do we know? First, giving is a **command of God**. There are “orders” that we have been “directed” to follow in giving (1 Cor. 16:1). Thus, it is not optional or left up to the elders to authorize. Second, giving is a **universal responsibility** (orders were given to all churches, 1 Cor. 16:1; 4:17; 7:17) and a **personal responsibility** (to be done by “each one of you,” 1 Cor. 16:2). Third, giving is specified to be done **“on the first day of the week”** (1 Cor. 16:2), when the Lord’s church would “come together” to worship Him (1 Cor. 11:17, 18, 20, 33, 34; 14:26).

Thus, giving is a part of our first-day-of-the-week worship, just as much as singing or the Lord’s Supper. It is not an appendage or a compulsion, to make sure that we can pay the light bill. Even if I cannot “assemble” with the church on Sunday and put my contribution “in a basket” and “set it before the Lord” in “worship” (Deut. 26:1-11), if I am seeking to “worship” the Lord on the first day of the week, I need to (1) find a way for my contribution to reach the church and be “put aside” (1 Cor. 16:2) for the work (either by mailing a check or online giving), and (2) still worship with purpose and with my heart on Sunday when the church participates together in the fellowship of giving in worship (2 Cor. 9:7).



By Josh Blackmer

## Before the Election (Part 4)

Is it possible to disagree with someone and still be respectful? It doesn't seem that way. From some of the highest public offices to the streets of our cities, it doesn't seem like the American public can be respectful to one another. However, no matter who occupies a government office and no matter their policies, there are things that we owe them.

The Bible is very clear on our responsibility toward government. We owe them our submission. "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities" (Rom. 13:1-5; 1 Pet. 2:13-15). No one is outside the scope of submission to governing authorities. We owe them our taxes. "For because of this you also pay taxes" (Rom. 13:6-7). When Jesus was questioned about this He responded, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Luke 20:25). We also owe them respect and honor. "Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men" (Tit. 3:1-2; Rom. 13:7; 1 Pet. 2:17; Jude 8-9). We should not be among those caught up in speaking ill of our elected officials. We can certainly disagree with policies and choices that are made. We cannot belittle the individual or malign the office itself. We shouldn't do that to anyone, much less one

**Resolve to give  
leaders their  
due.**

who is in office. Another thing that we owe those in office is our prayers. It is more powerful than any vote that could be cast. "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Tim. 2:1-2). There are many slogans that have been bantered about over the years like, "Rock the vote" or "Get the vote out." One that would be more appropriate for us is, "Prayerfully vote." Our aim in this is to live quiet and peaceable lives in service to God.

We must not fail in our obligations. Our political differences do not justify speaking or posting poorly of others or our leaders. We need to think about our influence and those that we will try and reach even after this is all over. Remember Nero was ruler in Rome during much of the writing of the New Testament. During that time, we don't read of the church marching, picketing or leading rebellions. I recognize the government systems are much different. However, in all the turmoil that the church faced, we only read about prayerful compliance. When it comes to our worship and affecting the very way in which we are to live, that's when we read about peaceful civil disobedience. We are not to that point. We "have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in [our] striving against sin" (Heb. 12:4). Let us render what is due.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Ten thousand reasons to praise Him

Psalms 118 begins and ends with the very same words: "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever" (118:1, 29). What reasons do you have to "give thanks to the Lord"? They are numerous, no doubt! The very "day the Lord has made" is worthy of praise (118:24). But look at verse 21. "I will praise You, For You have answered me." In verse 5, he revealed, "I called on the Lord in distress; The Lord answered me..." In the midst of a psalm of thanksgiving and praise, the psalmist extols how the Lord had answered His prayers.

Could you take a few moments and think back to the times when you "called on the Lord" and "He answered" you? Think about those "big" things that you asked Him. Think about those "little" and maybe "quick" things that you asked Him. And realize how He answered you EVERY time (remembering that answering you doesn't always mean with a "Yes").

Take a moment and give thanks to the Lord for all the times that He has answered you. — DS



### God will hear from heaven and then what?

At the dedication of the temple in the Old Testament, Solomon "stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly" and prayed to the Lord a most heart-searching prayer (2 Chron. 6:12-42). In this prayer, Solomon looked down through the ages to times when God's people would fail Him in a variety of ways and would call upon Him. Solomon had absolute confidence in his God and knew unmistakably that He would "hear from heaven and forgive" (5 times in 6:21, 25, 27, 30, 39), "hear from heaven and act" (6:23), "hear from heaven and do" (6:33), "hear from heaven and give" (6:30), "hear from heaven and maintain their cause" (6:35, 39). Read through the chapter and mark every time that Solomon used the word "hear" or "listen" in his prayer and then mark the action verb that followed, showing the Lord's active response to what He heard.

Guess what? You, too, can know unmistakably that YOUR God will "hear from heaven" and act, do, give, maintain and forgive! He longs to let His "eyes be open" and His "ears be attentive to [your] prayer" (6:40). What a thought! — DS





# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Jean Archer</b>	Wellington Regional, recovering from car accident
<b>Mary Coombs</b>	cataract surgery rescheduled for October 28
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	now at home, will be undergoing some more tests
<b>Patricia Hackshaw</b>	undergoing therapy
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	recovering at home
<b>John Loftis</b>	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
<b>Sallie Moses</b>	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
<b>Marisa Reeves</b>	recovering at home from surgery
<b>Angie Seames</b>	facing another surgery on her leg and foot soon
<b>Linda Studer</b>	under Hospice Care at home

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Inell Ingram</b>	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Donald Coe</b>	Linda Coe's father, Lawnwood Hospital, low heart rate
<b>Rena DeV Vaughn</b>	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
<b>Ron Fernander</b>	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
<b>Don Fields</b>	Trish Clark's father, melanoma cancer on his head again
<b>Adrienne Gatlin</b>	Pat Patterson's daughter, undergoing cancer treatments
<b>Perrethia King</b>	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care, improved some
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, dealing with health issues
<b>Peter Villa</b>	Natalie Villa's father, not doing well





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Monday, October 19

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

## Tuesday, October 20

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

## Wednesday, October 21

- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, October 22

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 4 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible Study.

## Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Mount Dora Children's Home Fall Virtual Benefit Event** at 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to hear from the kids, moms and staff to learn about Mount Dora. Visit [www.mdchome.org](http://www.mdchome.org) for more details.

## Saturday, October 31

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 9:00-11:30 a.m. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for more details.

## Sunday, November 1

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

## Monday, November 2

- ♦ **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.

## Saturday, November 7

- ♦ **Fall BBQ at CFBC** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Visit [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org) for more details.

## Sunday, November 8

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

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

### Monday, November 2

- ♦ **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.

### Tuesday, November 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, November 7

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Vilard for details.

### Friday, November 13

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

### Saturday, November 14

- ♦ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing** hosted by the Young Adults at 6:00 p.m.



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

### Friday, October 23

- ♦ **Sr. High Fall Fest** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Cost is \$10 for food and activities. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby by October 21. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

### Sunday, October 25

- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin** for Grades 5 & Under. Meet in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

### Monday, November 2

- ♦ **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.

### Friday-Saturday, November 6-7

- ♦ **Youth Activity/Service Project.** See Josh Blackmer for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>2</b> ☆ Men Meet Monday Night b Trish Clark b Michelle Franck b Isolyn Sinclair	<b>3</b> ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	<b>4</b> b Richard Lerro b Phil Porter	<b>5</b> b Brent Leslie	<b>6</b> b Flo Aristy b Trudie Holland	<b>7</b> ☆ Fall BBQ at CFBC ☆ Sr. High & YA Devo b Peggy DeLaney b Idara Ikon
<b>8</b> ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ Wedding Shower for Robert Lupo & Reanna Johnson	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> b Shaun Tyson	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> b Dee Catanzaro	<b>13</b> ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Lance & Brenda Collier	<b>14</b> ☆ Congregational Bonfire & Singing b Harrison Crotts b Carolyn Preston
<b>15</b> ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting b Lovella Rogers b Alexis Smith	<b>16</b> b Katie Goodale	<b>17</b> b Kelly Sproule	<b>18</b> b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves	<b>19</b> a Buzz & Kathy Nelson b David Thorpe	<b>20</b> b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> b Elizabeth Carter b Rose Jean-Baptiste b Rosemarie Joseph	<b>23</b> a Dick & Marcia Kelley	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> ☆ Congregational Singing a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer	<b>26</b> b Orlando Lolo	<b>27</b> a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly	<b>28</b> b Mike Damron b Aaron Ross
<b>29</b> a Aaron & Jennifer Walker b Karen MacDonald b Regina Paul	<b>30</b> b Andres Fernandez					

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
October 11

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Ryan Bodin; Ms. Marcia Farrar; Mr. Damon Farrell; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Danielle Thunderhawk; and Mr. Terry West.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. RanJuan Jackson, Dallas, TX; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Miss Brenda Pribyl, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and Ms. Demetrick Richardson, Dallas, TX.



We rejoice with **Danielle Thunderhawk** who was baptized on Tuesday, October 13.



Sunday (October 18th)

Josue Charles

Monday (October 19th)

Samantha Jewell

Wednesday (October 21st)

Janice Maloney  
Sabrina Pietro  
David Sproule  
Leslie Williams

Thursday (October 22nd)

Richard & Judy Lerro (Ann.)  
Owen & Deidra Miley (Ann.)  
Tim Mahlbacher

Friday (October 23rd)

Millie Ames

Saturday (October 24th)

Lydia Quinn

## Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week and will be webcast live from our website.

**Worship Services for Sunday, October 18**

9:00 a.m. .... Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. .... Morning Worship for ALL  
6:00 p.m. .... Evening Worship for ALL

**Bible Class for Wednesday, October 21**

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

Leading Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation..... Josh Blackmer  
Family Prayer ..... Nate Nelson

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

## Our Record

	<u>Oct. 11</u>	<u>Sep. Avg</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	129	130
Sun. AM Worship	203	196
Sun. PM Worship	91	95
Wed. Bible Study	128	133
Contribution	\$17,214	\$14,996
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,923		

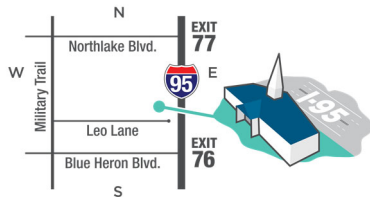
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# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

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## What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

**He created you**  
(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

**He came to this earth for you**  
(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

**He died on the cross for you**  
(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

**He shed His blood for you**  
(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

**He was raised from the dead for you**  
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

### Because...

**He loves you**  
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

**He wants to save you**  
(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

**He wants to take you to heaven**  
(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)

## What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

**Learn and know the truth** (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

**Obey the will of God** (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

**Believe Jesus is God's Son** (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

**Repent (turn) from your sins** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

**Confess your faith in Jesus** (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

**Be immersed into Christ** (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

**Live faithfully and serve Him** (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

### So that...

**You can prove your love for Him** (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

**You can be saved from your sins** (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

**You can go to heaven** (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)