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Welcome New Members



Thunderhawk, Danielle

Group 2

Baptized October 13

Congregational Work Day

October 31

Time: 9:00 until 11:30 a.m.

There is something for everyone to do!



**Saturday night,
October 31**

*Set your clocks back one hour.
(or if you don't normally come to Bible class,
just ignore this reminder)*



By Dan Jenkins

The Danger of Shallow Biblical Knowledge

When I was a student at Freed-Hardeman University, the Mooresville congregation near Lewisburg, Tennessee wanted to send me to help spread the gospel in Georgia. Through one of teachers at the college, I made contact with the church in Savannah, and I preached in my first gospel meeting in an attempt to plant the church Statesboro, Georgia.

I was there for two weeks knocking on doors and inviting the people to the upcoming meeting. On the Sunday before the meeting began, I worshiped with the Bull Street congregation where W.F. Buffington was preaching. I will never forget what he said in that Sunday morning Bible class.

He was discussing a topic dealing with the application of Biblical truths to a moral situation. There was a new convert in the class who felt like he was a Bible scholar and continued to interrupt the older preacher. Brother Buffington was kind, but the young man persisted in his effort to interrupt the teacher. Finally brother Buffington had had enough so he said, “_____, you are still too worldly to discuss this and you are not as smart as you think you are. The best way you can help this class is to be quiet and listen to what God says.”

I have thought of this often over the years and have

found myself in a similar situation. People who have just a shallow knowledge of the Bible fail to remember what Paul says, “Knowledge puffs up...and if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he know nothing yet as he ought to know” (1 Cor. 9:1-2). The actions of that new convert are such a vivid illustration of that old adage, “A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.”

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The wisdom of Solomon on this topic is seen in Ecclesiastes chapter five. “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.” To hastily speak in the house of God is to act as a fool. When it comes to

Bible study, I think often about that new convert. Brother Buffington’s advice, “Let your words be few.”

So many times, we speak too rashly about spiritual matters, especially when our knowledge is shallow. As you study your Bible, listen to what God has said. It is foolish for anyone to add his own opinions about spiritual matters. Study the Bible. Study it often. Study it deeply. Then, humbly tell others about what you have learned.

I will never forget that young convert’s actions.



By David Sproule

Linger Around It and You’ll Do It, Too!

What is the worst thing that you could ever do? There are all sorts of answers that could be given to that question, but can you think of anything worse than denying Jesus in His very presence? There’s probably not anything worse than that, especially when you do that just hours after you “vehemently” stated, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” (Mark 14:31). What could lead someone to do such a horrible and regrettable thing? Look at the passage in Luke 22:54-62.

First, Peter separated himself from Jesus. He was right there with Jesus in the verses leading up to this (even drawing his sword and striking the servant of the high priest in order to protect Jesus), but now, all of a sudden, the text states, “But Peter followed at a distance” (22:54). I’ve seen teenagers do this with their parents—keeping their distance...not wanting to be seen together in public...not wanting folks to mistakenly think that “I’m with them.” The moment that we start to distance ourselves from Jesus—even just a little bit—we have opened up “a place” in our lives “to the devil” (Eph. 4:27). We must never be ashamed to walk closely with our Lord (2 Tim. 1:12).

Second, Peter sat among the enemies of God. When Christ’s enemies “had kindled a fire in the middle of the court-

yard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them” (22:55). The verb tense for “sitting” in verses 55-56 indicates a perpetual activity. The psalmist had warned about the danger of such a practice: “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!” (Psa. 1:1). Sitting down shows acceptance, ease and approval (Rom. 1:32; Eph. 5:11-14; 1 Cor. 15:33). We must refuse to willfully associate with those who are anti-Christ (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

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Third, Peter stayed in that compromising situation. Peter’s first denial of Christ (“Woman, I do not know Him”) should have shaken him up (22:57). It should have caused him to reevaluate where he was and what he was doing. Instead, he stayed “a little while” longer (22:58). This led him to deny Christ a second time (“Man, I am not!”). Surely, after hearing those words from his mouth in response to a second person, now he will come to himself and leave. Right? Look at how verse 59 begins: “Then after about an hour had passed.” This was not a quick episode. Peter may have been there for more than two hours, which led him to deny Jesus a third time (“Man, I do not know what you are saying!”).

It was finally the rooster crowing and the look of the Lord that woke him up (22:60-62). May God help us to not linger around evil, lest we end up doing evil ourselves!



By Josh Blackmer

Before the Election (Part 5)

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa. 133:1)! We know that to be true, and we strive for that end. However, there are times when we feel more like, "too long has my soul had its dwelling with those who hate peace" (Psa. 120:6). We may feel at odds with the majority of people around us. Holding certain ideals or moral absolutes has become less popular. Instead of being tolerant of people, for some, it becomes a reason to be disrespectful or indecent. I know that the very process of an election, in normal circumstances, is divisive. However, this election seems to be more explosive and ugly than any other. As God's people, what are we going to do?

We need to look to one of the main functions of the Christ. Isaiah said this about the future Messiah, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (9:7a). At His birth angels said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). In His death he consummated peace between God and man. "And he came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father" (Eph. 2:17-18). There is a sense in which His whole purpose was peace.

Will you be a peacemaker?

If we are to be children of God, then we need to be making similar efforts. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9). We can do that by loving our enemies and blessing those that hate us. "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:44-45a). We need to also display a wisdom that is from above. "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (Jas. 3:17-18). We must be able to contend and not be contentious. "The Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:24-26).

We must be those who are seeking after peace. That does not mean compromise on truth and morals. However, "the one who desires life, to love and see good days, must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. He must turn away from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it" (1 Pet. 3:10-11). Will you be a peacemaker?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

They had a mind to work

God's people faced severe opposition in the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem after returning from Babylonian captivity, which is probably why they had not completed the task in the 90 years before Nehemiah. And once they started the monumental task, their enemies (particularly Sanballat and Tobiah) countered them at every turn. Nevertheless, Nehemiah recorded, "So we built the wall" (Neh. 4:6). Underscore the word "so," emphasizing that they were going to complete the work, regardless of the attempts to stop them. The great restorer revealed what was driving them: "...for the people had a mind to work."

Think about that. They hadn't rebuilt the wall for 90 years. It would be easy to just let it remain in rubble. Opposition was all around them. It would be easy to just back off. But they didn't. And, even more, they couldn't. They were minded to finish the task and knew the Lord would help them. What about us? Do we (do you? do I?) have a mind to work? Will we stop at nothing to do get things done for our God? Will we resist the urge to let up and back off in our effort? – DS



Making the best of a bad situation

We face them all the time...sometimes daily...but to different levels or degrees. Car problems, unexpected home repairs, conflict at work, conflict at home, health issues, death, disappointments, mistreatment from others, broken friendship, loss of job, etc., etc. Bad things happen all the time. "Time and chance happen to [us] all" (Ecc. 9:11). (Easily remember where this verse is located by looking at the three numbers: 9-1-1.)



What do we do when bad things happen? First and foremost, pause and talk to God, no matter what it is (1 Pet. 5:7). Second, recognize there are many things out of your control and there is nothing that you can do to change them. Accept that. Third, identify what you can control and work on that. Fourth, ask yourself, "How big a deal is this? Really?" How much of this situation can you (should you) just let go and move on? Fifth, if the situation warrants, identify one or two people that you can lean on for support—wise counsel you can trust, who will talk to you straight, who may have been there themselves. Sixth, you're not done. Talk to God some more! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	in The Addington at Wellington Green for rehab
Mary Coombs	cataract surgery rescheduled for October 28
Glen Dawson	Gardens Medical Center, pacemaker/defibrillator
Eva Fulton	JFK Medical Center, being treated for an infection
Patricia Hackshaw	undergoing therapy
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Cheryl Milton	dealing with some medical issues
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Marisa Reeves	recovering at home from surgery
Angie Seames	facing another surgery on her leg and foot soon
Linda Studer	under Hospice Care at home and is growing weaker

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



Owen & Michael Miley, upon the passing of Deidra, on Sunday, October 18. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, now at home, awaiting test results
Rena DeV Vaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's father, good report from his cancer doctor
Adrienne Gatlin	Pat Patterson's daughter, undergoing cancer treatments
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care, improved some
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, dealing with health issues
Peter Villa	Natalie Villa's father, not doing well





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

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

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.

Monday, November 2 (cont.)

- ♦ 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 for more details.

Sunday, November 8

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Robert Lupo & Reanna Johnson.** Time TBD. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Saturday, November 14

- ♦ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing hosted by the Young Adults** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. Bring a lawn chair and \$5/person for burgers and hot dogs. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, November 15

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

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. Bring desserts and drinks. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard 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. on the church property.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, October 25

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

Monday, November 2

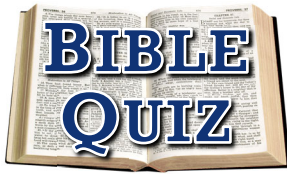
- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Friday-Saturday, November 6-7

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

Saturday, November 7

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



Key Verses in Paul's Epistles

Find these verses. Could you find some without a concordance?

1. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men..." _____
2. "The things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." _____
3. "...Tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope." _____
4. "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me..." _____
5. "And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." _____
6. "...You welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God..." _____
7. "And He...gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body..." _____
8. "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." _____
9. "...Receive him forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother..." _____
10. "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers." _____
11. "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil..." _____
12. "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." _____
13. "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." _____
14. "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." _____
15. "Pray without ceasing." _____
16. "...In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." _____
17. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." _____
18. "But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband." _____
19. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think..." _____
20. "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." _____

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 18

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Willie Cheeley; Miss Carmen Dussard; Mr. Damon Farrell; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Kelly Spirito; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Joann Campbell, Sebring, FL; and Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (October 25th)
Ekaette Ikon

Tuesday (October 27th)
Traci Sproule

Monday (October 26th)
Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)
Samantha Eutsey

Wednesday (October 28th)
Dianne Frye

Friday (October 30th)
Marie Yolette Achille


Thank You notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters at PBL church of Christ,

This loving "Thank You" is from our hearts to each and every one of you. You have been so good to us through Tom's long illnesses and now his passing. Thank you for your love, the beautiful cards and flowers, prayers, food, calls and every act of kindness. We could not have gone through this without you. We thank God every day that we are a part of our family at Palm Beach Lakes. We love you all.

Rose Martens
Jeff & Diane Leslie family
Jim & Kim Leslie family



"For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:23)

"But exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (Heb. 3:13)

"For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world." (1 John 2:16)

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 25

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 28

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Josiah Blackmer
Invitation..... Daniel Lord
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

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

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 18</u>	<u>Sep. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	126	130
Sun. AM Worship	191	196
Sun. PM Worship	107	95
Wed. Bible Study	137	133
Contribution	\$15,198	\$14,996
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$22,177		

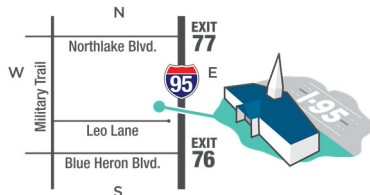
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane
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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: Ivan, Amber & Lucas Villard

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 Speaking where the Bible speaks

 Silent where the Bible is silent

 Calling Bible things by Bible names

 Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).