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## 10 Reasons to Be

# THANKFUL

*even in this coronalection mess*

1. God is still God!
2. Jesus still saves!
3. The gospel of Christ is still powerful!
4. The blood of Christ still cleanses!
5. The church is still indestructible!
6. The Bible is still true and reliable!
7. Spiritual blessings in Christ still flow!
8. Prayer has never been quarantined!
9. A tested faith can be a stronger faith!
10. Heaven is more desirable than ever!



By Dan Jenkins

## God's Final Words in the Old Testament

Thirty-seven of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament had been written when Zechariah began his work as a prophet. What had God not reveal to His chosen nation? What more needed to be said before the close of that part of the Bible? The answer to these questions emphasizes the importance of the words of this prophet.

In the final three chapters of Zechariah, God's messenger looks to the future to show the Jews that God had some remarkable actions He would take in the New Testament age. It is obvious that these chapters are Messianic because in them God affirms the deity of Jesus and the fact that He would be pierced. "Then they will look on Me whom they have pierced" (Zech. 12:10). Do not overlook the importance of the use of the word "Me" in this prophecy. When that soldier pierced the side of Jesus, he likely did not realize he was fulfilling a prophecy made over 500 years earlier about God being pierced, but John quotes Zechariah's words as being fulfilled by that action (John 19:34, 37).

This same verse in Zechariah speaks of Pentecost. "I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication." Joel is not the only OT prophet who foretold the outpouring of the Spirit.

**What more  
needed to be  
said after 37 of  
the 39 OT books  
were written?**

In chapter thirteen, the Messianic aspect of God's final words to the Jews is seen even more clearly. "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1). One cannot read the New Testament without knowing who that Fountain is. Peter said, "You were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18-19). The last book of the New Testament describes those who had washed their robes white and made them clean in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:15). Before God closed the Old Testament, He wanted the Jews to know that someday full redemption would come from the Fountain opened in Jerusalem.

God was just about finished with the writing of the Old Testament prophets. When the final two books were finished, God would stop sending prophets to the Jews for the next 400+ years! For two thousand years that had been prophets, but when Zechariah penned his words all OT prophecy was about to end. Yet, God wanted them to know that the time would come when there would be New Testament prophets to reveal His plan for all mankind. The remarkable thing is that even as He foretold the coming of more prophets, He foretold there would be a day when, having finished their works, there would be no more prophets. "It shall be in that day...I will also cause the prophets ...to depart from the land" (Zech. 13:2). More about this next week.



By David Sproule

## Three Ways Thanksgiving Should "Pay"

Do you have much for which to be thankful? Sometimes in moments of despair and distress, it is hard to keep our minds focused on the positive and the copious reasons that we have to be optimistic and thankful persons. Perhaps a look at a passage in Luke 17 can help us to be reminded of some simple steps we can take to be more thankful.

If you were a leper in the first century and someone healed you wholly and instantly, would you be thankful? There's no better word to describe the emotions that would flood your soul! Do you know what is even better than being healed of the horrible physical malady of leprosy? Being healed of the deadly spiritual malady of sin! The question for us is—do we respond like the nine unthankful lepers or like the one thankful leper in Luke 17?

In Luke 17, all ten lepers wanted the same thing of Jesus—"Have mercy on us!" (17:13). All ten lepers obeyed what Jesus told them to do—"Go, show yourselves to the priests" (17:14). All ten lepers received the same wonderful gift—they were "cleansed" (17:14). But, were all ten lepers thankful? One would think so, but the evidence is not there, because the response of thankfulness was not forthcoming. Except from "one of them" (17:15). What are three things that

we can do, which this one thankful leper did, to be more thankful and to express our thankfulness to our Savior? Look at verses 15 and 16.

**First, pay attention.** The leper "saw that he was healed." The other lepers were apparently too busy and too selfish. Let us not become so busy with life and so selfish in our own desires that we forget to pay attention and intentionally notice each and every way that the Lord blesses us.

**Second, pay a visit.** The leper "returned" to Jesus. Sometimes we might be like the nine lepers—we probably notice the blessings but don't "return" to the Lord, from whom all blessings come, to acknowledge (at the very least) the fountain of all of these blessings. Let us spend more time with the Lord, and make sure that time is filled with thanking and not just asking.

**Third, pay homage.** The leper "with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks." Three things jump out: (1) he paid homage with a loud voice, (2) he paid homage with great humility, and (3) he paid homage over and over and over (as the present tense verbs emphasize). Let us seek to also overflow with exuberant praise to the one who overflows us with blessings.

Do you have much for which to be thankful? Even in times of despair and distress, let us turn back to our Savior!

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like the nine un-  
thankful lepers  
or like the one  
thankful leper?**



By Josh Blackmer

## The Privilege of Prayer

Prayer is a resource and an honor that not all enjoy. Through the power of prayer, we can receive forgiveness from God, boldness from God, peace from God, opportunity from God, strength from God, healing from God, wisdom from God, and tranquility from God. For those that do not have the privilege of prayer, their prayers will be an abomination to God. Their prayers will fall on deaf ears. Their prayers will be hindered. Their prayers will not be answered favorably. We might be praying people, even pray fervently; but do we have the right to pray, to expect God to heed us when we pray?

God will not hear the prayers of those that will not heed His word. Those who turn their ears from the law, their prayers are an abomination (Prov. 28:9). Such is the case of those who will not endure sound doctrine (2 Tim. 4:3-4). God will not hear the prayers of those whose sins separate them from Him. Sins can separate one from God so He will not hear (Isa. 59:1-2). Such is the condition of those who will not seek God's forgiveness (Rom. 6:23). God will not hear the prayers of those that treat others unjustly. Those who fail to consider the poor (Psa. 41:1-3). Those who fail to treat their wives as they should (1 Pet. 3:7). Those who fail to make things right with those they have offended (Matt. 5:23-24) Those who fail to forgive those who sinned against

them (Matt. 18:21-35). God will not hear the prayers of those that pray without faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). Those asking with doubt in their hearts ensures failure (Jas. 1:5-8).

The privilege of prayer is not for everyone. It is afforded to those whose hearts are in the right condition. God hears the prayers of the sinner seeking truth and righteousness. This is what we learn from the example of Cornelius. He was a good man, but still in need of salvation (Acts 10:1-2; 11:14). His prayers and alms had been noticed by God (Acts 10:4,31). God saw to it that he had an opportunity to hear the words whereby he could be saved (Acts 11:14). God heard the prayer of a sinner like Cornelius because he was hungering and thirsting for righteousness (Mat. 5:6). He was asking, seeking, and knocking (Mat 7:7-8). God hears the prayers of those that have Jesus as their high priest. He is now a merciful and faithful high priest, able to aid His brethren (Heb. 2:17-18). He makes it possible to approach God's throne boldly (Heb. 4: 14-16) He is able to save to the uttermost, since He ever lives to intercede (Heb. 7:25). Jesus has now become our Advocate and Mediator. Our advocate with the Father (1 Jn 2:1. He is the one mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5). He makes intercession for us at the right hand of God (Rom. 8:34). What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

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## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "Leaving the elementary principles of Christ"

This article is being read by individuals at varying levels of Bible knowledge and strength of faith. Some are babes in Christ, who need to feed on the "milk of the word" (1 Pet. 2:2) and the "elementary principles of Christ" (Heb. 6:1). Others are maturing Christians, who need to be feasting on the "solid food" of God's Word (Heb. 5:12, 14), and not continuing to partake of "the first principles of oracles of God" (Heb. 5:12).

Where are you? A human being must start with the easy food and gradually progress to the more complex, but a human being NEVER reaches a point where he can survive without regular food intake. The same applies to Christians. A babe in Christ must start with the easy parts of the Bible and gradually progress to the more complex, but a Christian cannot survive only on the milk (Heb. 5:12-6:6) and a Christian NEVER reaches a point where he can survive without regular Word intake. Where are you? Are you feasting? Are you growing? Are you progressing? "Let us press on to maturity" (6:1)! – DS



### The ravens will pick it out

There are some Bible verses that just grab you when you read them and almost shake you up. Proverbs 30:17 is one such verse. "The eye that mocks his father, and scorns obedience to his mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it." Whoa!



Why would God put something so graphic in the Bible? Because God is serious about children obeying their parents! Read the rest of Proverbs. "My son, keep your father's command, and do not forsake the law of your mother... Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old... A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother" (6:20; 23:22; 10:1). It is the responsibility of children to obey and honor their parents! It is the responsibility of parents to train and discipline their children to do so! (Read about the rod of correction in Proverbs 13:24; 15:5, 10; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 29:15, 17.)

The home is the training ground for one's relationship with the Father in heaven! One's behavior toward his parents will be reflected in his behavior toward God. – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	recovering at home
Glen Dawson	recovering at home from a mitral valve procedure
Eva Fulton	still in St. Mary's Medical Center
Terri Hahn	diagnosed with leukemia
Lynne Jorgensen	having a medical procedure on November 20
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Cheryl Milton	dealing with some medical issues
Sallie Moses	now under Hospice Care
Angie Seames	having major foot surgery on November 19

## 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	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Shelley Dayman	Ally Alberga's sister, nursing home, stage 4 kidney disease
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, still under Hospice Care
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, hospitalized with a spider bite

## 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

## Monday, November 23

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

## Tuesday, November 24

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

## Wednesday, November 25

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

## Thursday, December 3

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci Sproule for more details.

## Sunday, December 6

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

## Monday, December 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.

## Thursday, December 10

- ♦ **Combined Family Group Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

## Wednesday, December 30

- ♦ **No Midweek Bible Study.** Meet on Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday, December 31

- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:30 p.m. Regular Bible classes will meet for children and adults (instead of Wednesday night).
- ♦ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Thursday, December 3

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci Sproule for more details.

### Friday, December 4

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

### Saturday, December 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Monday, December 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.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Friday, December 4

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

### Monday, December 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, December 13

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Meeting** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All families are encouraged to come and hear about the plans for 2021.

### Saturday, December 19

- ♦ **Jr. High Mini-Golf & Ice Cream** at 5:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.
- ♦ **Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch	3 ☆ <b>Ladies' Soup Supper</b>	4 ☆ <b>Sr. High &amp; YA Ladies' Hangout</b> b Guadalupe Tipton	5 ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> b Troy Alberga b Adrienna Gadson b Janice Osborne
6 ☆ <b>EDP Meeting</b> b Cara Blackmer	7 ☆ <b>Men Meet Monday Night</b> b Jeannie Buonadonna	8	9 a Michael & Jean Archer	10 ☆ <b>Combined Family Group Meeting</b> b Carolina Medina	11 b Tasha Ellis	12 b Charlene Knowles b Tyrone Toson
13 ☆ <b>Jr. High &amp; Sr. High Family Meeting</b> a Kevin & Stephanie Weeks	14 b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	15	16	17	18 a Ted & Karen Friesner a Rick & Melinda Price	19 ☆ <b>Jr. High Mini- Golf &amp; Ice Cream</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Holiday Party</b> a Victor & Sandy Colage b Patricia Patterson b Mary Quinn b Angie Seames
20 b Eugene Williams	21 b Casey Bound	22 b Devin Eutsey	23 a Sam & Peggy Simpkins b Kinney Dozier b David Lord	24	25	26
27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	28 b Dick Kelley b Ken Tipton	29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe b Teresa Williams	30 ☆ <b>No Midweek Bible Study</b> a Scott & Janet MacDonald	31 ☆ <b>Midweek Bible Study</b> ☆ <b>New Year's Eve Gathering</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Lock- In</b>		

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
November 15

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Damon Farrell and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mrs. Janine Flegert, Lake City, FL; and Ms. Ann Graham, Keystone Heights, FL.



We rejoice with **Kameron Heitler** who was baptized on Monday, November 16. He is Chuck & Marisa Reeves' son.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (November 22nd)

Elizabeth Carter  
Rose Jean-Baptiste  
Rosemarie Joseph

Monday (November 23rd)

Dick & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

Wednesday (November 25th)

Kevin & Leesa Schenk (Ann.)  
Sue Hoelzer

Thursday (November 26th)

Orlando Lolo

Friday (November 27th)

Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.)  
Gary Friedly

Saturday (November 28th)

Mike Damron  
Aaron Ross



## Directory Changes

**Chuck, Mary & Kari Reeves** moved to Jackson, TN.

 **Thank You** notes

Thank you, Palm Beach Lakes congregation. The flowers arrived and they were beautiful. Michael and I are doing very well at this time with everyone's support. And we hope to see you soon.

Owen Miley

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Don and I are overwhelmed by your continual outpouring of love, concern and prayers. Much of the reason I am able, for the most part, to keep a more positive attitude is knowing that so many of you carry my name to the throne of our Almighty God. Thank you for loving us.

We love you,

Don & Carol Dodd

## 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, November 22**

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, November 25**

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

Leading Singing ..... Thanksgiving  
Invitation..... Thanksgiving  
Family Prayer ..... Thanksgiving

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

## Our Record

Attendance	<u>Nov. 15</u>	<u>Oct. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	152	129
Sun. AM Worship	170	196
Sun. PM Worship	115	107
Wed. Bible Study	125	126
Contribution	\$15,051	\$15,940

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,401

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

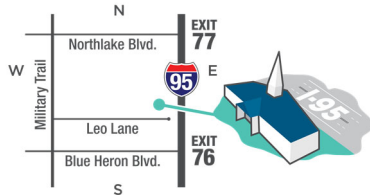




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

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