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# Welcome New Members



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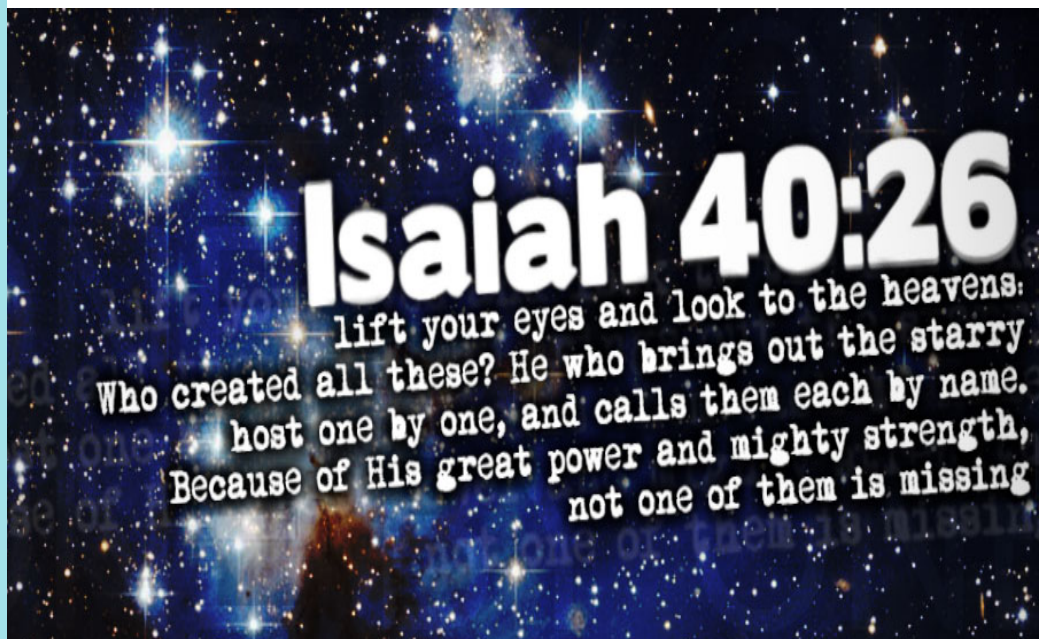
Group 2

*Baptized November 16*



**Davis, Sloan**

*Identified November 22*





By Dan Jenkins

## Doing the Work of an Evangelist

When Paul told Timothy to “Do the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5), Timothy knew what that meant. Tragically, far too many preachers today have lost sight of what is involved in this. Timothy understood because he had seen it in the life of the apostle. Paul said to him, “You have carefully fol-

lowed my doctrine...perseverance...what happened to me...” (2 Tim. 3:10-11). Let’s take time to see what Timothy saw in the work Paul did in his three years at Ephesus, as Paul described it to the elders there.

**Evangelists serve the Lord.** “You know, from the first day I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, serving the Lord...” (Acts 20:19-20). Read the verse again and take time to think about the implication of the words “first” and “always.”

**Evangelists serve the Lord with all humility.** Paul uses the words “...serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials.” Contrast these words of Paul with those of Christ who described a far different attitude of other religious leaders. “They loved the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogue, greetings in the marketplace and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi’” (Matt. 23:6-7). Evangelists serve, not because it is a place of honor in the church, but because it is a place of humble service, oftentimes with tears and trials.

**The work of an evangelist is not simply being an excellent church administrator**

**Evangelists do not hold back needed sermons but openly proclaim God’s message.** “I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you publicly and from house to house” (Acts 20:20). God’s pulpit is not designed to preach lessons which impress the audience and as an avenue to receive compliments about great lessons. Doing the work of an evangelist demands we address the needs of the church.

**Evangelists are free from the blood of all who hear them.** “I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). There were those who said of Jesus, “His blood be on us and our children” (Matt. 27:25), and they will face God on the day of judgment with that blood on their hands. Some who preach today will find themselves with the blood of lost sinners and church members on their hands. We

must preach the *whole counsel of God*. Some are not aware that they can preach for years, never preach anything unscriptural, but fail in changing the lives of others because they hold back and avoid dealing with the real needs of the church.

When Paul told Timothy to do the work of an evangelist and fulfill his ministry, he was not talking about one being an excellent “church administrator.” Far too many schools and workshops focus on these skills instead of being a true evangelist. Paul was first a minister of Jesus, not a church minister.



By David Sproule

## If Nothing External Defiles, What About Alcohol?

It has been stated by some Bible students that since Jesus said, “There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him” (Mark 7:15), it is safe to conclude that alcohol does not defile a man, surmising that Jesus permits drinking alcohol in this text. Is that what Jesus is teaching?

Every verse must always be kept in its context. The context of Mark 7 has to do with the manmade traditions of the Pharisees, who condemned Jesus’ disciples for eating “bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands” (7:2). The Pharisees accused the disciples of not walking “according to the tradition of the elders,” when they “eat bread with unwashed hands” (7:5). The context is about ceremonial uncleanness from not washing hands.

Jesus openly condemned the Pharisees for holding to their “tradition” and “rejecting...the word of God” (7:8, 9, 13). The context has everything to do with their elevation of their own teachings above the teachings of God, particularly in the matter of washings and their doctrine of uncleanness (7:4).

So, does Jesus open the door in Mark 7:15 to drink alcohol, when He stated that “nothing that enters a man from outside...can defile him”? In the context (and that is key), Jesus is talking about the food that they were eating. Look at the

**Eating meats with unwashed hands is what Jesus was talking about**

continuation of His teaching in verses 18-19, and read Mark’s conclusion: “Thereby He declared all foods clean.” Were there certain foods that were ceremonially clean and unclean for the Jews? Yes. Jesus is dealing with that in this context. Note especially how Jesus Himself concludes His comments: “...to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man” (Matt. 15:20). Eating meats “from the marketplace” (Mark 7:4) with unwashed hands is what Jesus said He was talking about when He said, “There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him.” To conclude that Jesus authorized drinking alcohol in this passage is wishful thinking at best and negligent hermeneutics at worst.

But, carry this out to its full conclusion. If Jesus is permitting drinking alcohol, then Jesus is permitting ANYTHING that enters a man from outside. Thus, Jesus, of necessity, cannot condemn drunkenness, for that originated from the outside. Jesus cannot condemn any hard drugs, like crack cocaine. And, if “nothing that enters from outside” includes everything, then Jesus cannot condemn any sexual relations of any kind outside of marriage.

To make such an irrational argument with Mark 7:15 has Jesus to say more than He actually says and to say more than any rational Bible student is willing to make Jesus say. Every verse MUST be interpreted faithfully within its immediate context and the full Biblical context.



By Josh Blackmer

## Lessons in Light

On the road to Damascus, Paul saw a light that was brighter than the noontime sun as Jesus spoke to him (Acts 22:6). It was that light that blinded him on the road (Acts 22:11). There are many passages that refer to Christ and the Father as light. From those passages there are lessons to be learned.

John opens his gospel with discussion of Jesus as light. "There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man" (John 1:9). "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (John 1:5). Jesus stands as a stark contrast to darkness. The word "comprehend" in verse 5 is not a word that speaks to understanding. It refers more to the fact that darkness could not overtake or apprehend the light. Later in the gospel letter, John writes, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life" (John 8:12). And, "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness" (John 12:46). This light is life and frees us from the darkness that is in this world.

Not only does His light liberate us, but it also exposes the deeds of men. "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than

the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God" (John 3:19-21). Those that will not step into the light choose not to so that their evil deeds will not be exposed. If we are doing those deeds that glorify God, then we should not be ashamed. "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Our relationship with God and His Son is described in terms of light and darkness. "This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John. 1:5-7). I am in a right relationship with God in the light. I come in contact with the blood of Christ in the light. Why would I wander into darkness?

May these passages serve as a reminder "so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9).

**Everything I need from God is found in the light.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### He was right there in the boat!

After a long, exhausting day of teaching and healing, "evening had come" and it was time to "cross over to the other side" of the sea (Mark 4:35). "Now when they had left the multitude, they took [Jesus] along in the boat as He was...And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?'" (4:36-38).

The apostles had been through storms before, but this one was different. It was not different because of the storm. It was different because of Who was with them! As the waves overwhelmed the boat, fear overwhelmed their souls. But why? Why were they afraid? Why did they turn inward? They were so focused on the storm that they forgot one key thing: Jesus was right there in the boat with them!

If you are a child of God, know this: (1) You will go through storms. (2) Some storms will be tougher than others. (3) No matter the storm, Jesus is right there in the midst with you! – DS



### Again!

In the first chapter of the book of Job, Satan comes after Job to get him to denounce his faith and turn against the Lord. Even after the horrible events of that chapter, "Job did not sin" (1:21). The very first word of chapter 2 speaks volumes—"Again." Satan was not done with Job. He came at him again in chapter two, but "in all this Job did not sin" (2:10). We see that word repeated when Satan was tempting Jesus. When Jesus failed to give in to Satan's first two temptations, the Bible says, "Again, the devil took him up..." (Matt. 4:8). Satan was not done with Jesus. And even after these temptations, Satan would come back again (Luke 4:13).

Satan is relentless. He will keep coming and keep coming. What can we do? The word "again" is found another time in Matthew 4, when Jesus resisted the devil's temptation by saying, "It is written again..." (4:7). When the devil comes at us "again," we need to lean on the Word and quote the Word "again"! When we "resist the devil" again, "he will flee" again (Jas. 4:7). Your "again" is stronger than the devil's "again" (1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 2:14; 4:4)! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	recovering at home
Adrienne Banks	undergoing medical tests
Glen Dawson	recovering at home from hospitalization
Eva Fulton	recovering at home
Terri Hahn	diagnosed with leukemia
Cynthia Ingraham	recovering from surgery and is in a lot of pain
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Cheryl Milton	dealing with some medical issues
Angie Seames	recovering from surgery on her foot
Wesley Williams	recovering at home

## 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
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves' father, in hospital in TN undergoing testing
Martin Williams	Marty Williams' father, recovering from a stroke
Lori Wolfe	Mike Ellis' sister, tested positive for 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

## Sunday, December 6

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

## Monday, December 7

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study** until January 2021.
- ◆ **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, December 8

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study** until January 2021.

## 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. Bring your favorite games to play and some personal snacks for yourself. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

## Sunday, January 3

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!
- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Sam Ford & Katie Sproule** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## Monday, January 4

- ◆ **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 church of Christ* **Young Adults**

### Monday, December 7

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

### Monday, January 4

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property.

### Tuesday, January 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod.

### Friday, January 8

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

### Saturday, January 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. See Ivan Villard for details.



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

### 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.

### 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. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

### Thursday-Friday, December 31-January 1

- ◆ **Sr. High Lock-In** from midnight until 7:00 a.m. at the building. Bring games and things to entertain yourself. No pillows or things for sleeping.

# 2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



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

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*December*

**SEE  
PROVIDENCE**

*“Look at the birds of the air”  
(Matt. 6:26)*

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
November 29

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Marcia Farrar; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Jeanelle Moser; Ms. Debbie Vasco; and Mr. Brandon Widner.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Andres Fernandez, III, Lake Placid, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Sunday (December 6th)  
Cara Blackmer

Thursday (December 10th)  
Carolina Medina

Monday (December 7th)  
Jeannie Buonadonna

Friday (December 11th)  
Tasha Ellis

Wednesday (December 9th)  
Michael & Jean Archer (Ann.)

Saturday (December 12th)  
Charlene Knowles  
Tyrone Toson

**News & Notes**

We will be having a **Combined Family Group Online Zoom Bible Study** for all family groups on **Thursday, December 10**. The study will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each member will receive an email with a link to the Bible study. See Josh Blackmer for more details.



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# House to House Heart to Heart

## Labeling Night

**Sunday, December 6**

*After evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.*

**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, December 6**

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, December 9**

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

Leading Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... John Hoelzer  
Family Prayer ..... Chuck Clark

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

**Our Record**

	<u>Nov. 29</u>	<u>Oct. Avg</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	134	129
Sun. AM Worship	208	196
Sun. PM Worship	104	107
Wed. Bible Study	144	126
Contribution	\$14,626	\$15,940

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$17,523

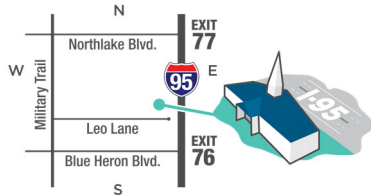
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



# 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.

Front Cover: Katie Sproule & Kayleigh Higbee







# MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD

*January 31*

## 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

