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## Welcome New Members

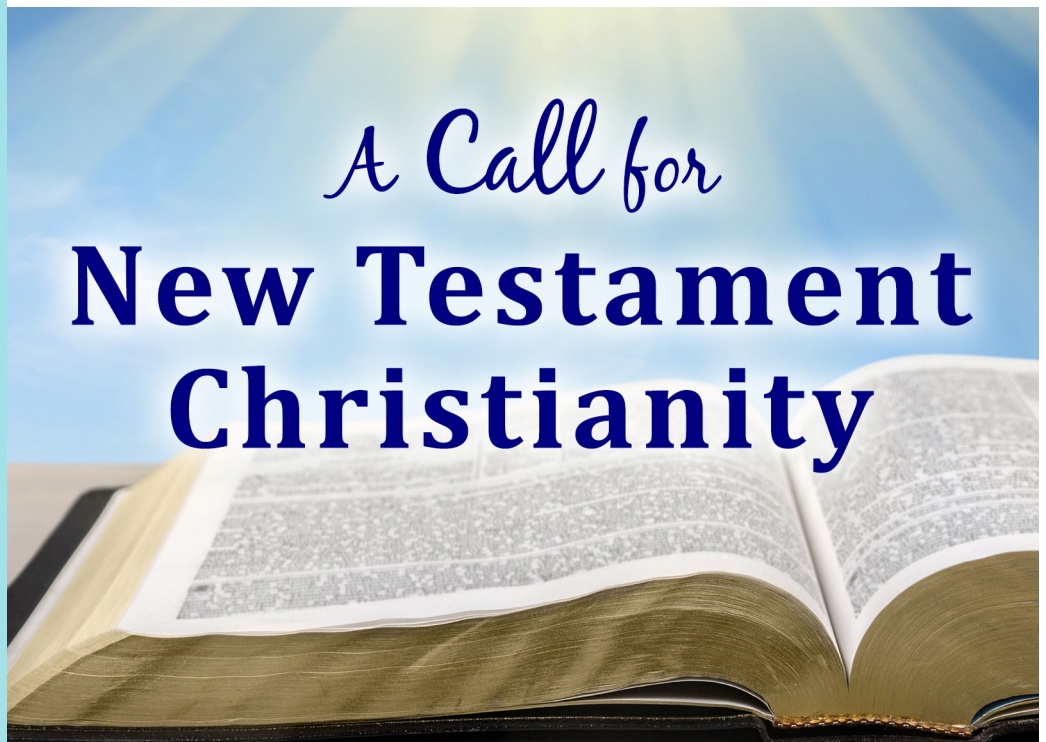


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Group 4

*Baptized March 7*

# A Call for New Testament Christianity



Gospel Meeting  
with Neal Pollard

*March 28-31*



By Dan Jenkins

## After a Covenant Is Confirmed

The Gentile churches in Galatia were being troubled by Judaizing teachers who sought to bind the keeping of the Old Testament law (specifically circumcision) on them. Both Jews and Gentiles could recognize that God's threefold promise to the fathers was that *every family on the earth* would be blessed (Gen. 12:3). These teachers made the keeping of the law absolutely essential to obtaining this blessing. The church at Rome also had this problem.

Paul answers this false teaching by looking at a secular promise or covenant. He looked at an ordinary covenant and states, "Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed no one annuls or adds to it" (Gal. 3:15). Think of a business contract which once it is "signed, sealed and delivered," it cannot be changed.

The covenant made with the fathers was given and confirmed by God. God made the covenant (and remember He cannot lie) and sealed it with an oath. He swore by Himself that He would keep that covenant promise (Heb. 6:13-18). That covenant was "signed, sealed and delivered" and nothing could change it.

Now note how Paul uses the simple truth about ordinary business contracts (covenants). He first shows that the

**There is no way to change a covenant "signed, sealed and delivered" by God**

covenant was given before circumcision. The covenant was made in Genesis 13 and circumcision was given 20 years later in Genesis 17. Read Romans 4:9-12 to see this "time" argument. Paul makes the same "time" argument to the Galatians when he clearly states that the law came 430 years after the covenant. Thus, neither circumcision nor the law have anything to do with God's confirmed covenant.

What is the significance of this to us and how does the "time" argument impact us? God has made a New Covenant (testament) with us. Like He gave the covenant with the fathers and confirmed it, He has given a new covenant with us.

How did He confirm this New Covenant? Read the closing verses of Mark. "So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through accompanying signs" (Mark 16:19-20). Those miracles were the confirmation. They were God's seal of the New Testament.

Those miracles no longer exist. The dead are no longer being raised! The covenant has been given and confirmed. What follows is that once given and confirmed, "No one annuls or adds to it." No synod, convention, church hierarchy or pastor can make a single change to it. Think about this!!



By David Sproule

## Let's See How They Are Doing

Unquestionably, the apostle Paul was one of the greatest soul winners of all time! We could learn a lot by trying to emulate his love for lost souls and his determination to teach the good news of "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2) to every individual he encountered (from the lowliest of slaves to the highest of kings). But, there is something more we can learn from this great apostle.

Paul was not merely concerned with getting folks baptized. Are we guilty of that sometimes? Do we focus so much on the culmination of seeing someone immersed into Christ that we neglect to follow up in the days after their conversion? When Paul was getting ready to embark on his second missionary journey, he said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing" (Acts 15:36). Did you catch that? Let's go and see how they are doing! Their continued growth as babes in Christ was so critically important!

That reality has not changed! Just as newborn babies need special care and attention until they grow to take care of themselves, so babes in Christ need special care and attention until they mature to a stronger faith in Christ. They need this

**Babes in Christ need special care and attention until they mature**

attention from the elders. They need this attention from special programs in the church. Truly, they need this attention from every member of the body of Christ.

Brethren, do you know someone who was recently converted to Christ? Maybe in the last few weeks, but even in the last year or two? Let us make up our minds to see how they are doing by:

1. Texting them. Just a short note of encouragement from a fellow Christian can make a huge difference.
2. Calling them. A text is nice but hearing someone's voice on the phone is even better.
3. Sending them a handwritten card. There's something particularly effective about seeing a message in someone's own handwriting. In this card you could say, "Here's something that has helped me as a Christian—to grow and to remain faithful."
4. Intentionally seeking them out at services. Don't just wait and "if we happen to run into each, I'll say something." Make it a point to find them.
5. Spend time with them outside of services. Build a relationship with them, so that they truly feel a part of the family of God. What you do for them, they will do for other converts.

Let's decide today to go and see how they are doing! Let's decide today to help them to remain faithful!





By Josh Blackmer

## The Bible Under Attack, Again

“Do not move the ancient boundary which your fathers have set” (Prov. 22:28). A warning from the Proverbs that was set forth in Torah law. It carries with the concept of not moving the established teaching or thought on a matter. Today it seems almost fashionable to change established thought on a matter. Marriage, no longer just between man and a woman. Sexual identity, no longer just male and female. Moving the divinely appointed boundaries creates a ripple effect that cascades through our collective understanding. Another boundary was moved in Nashville, Tennessee recently.

Josh Scott, spiritual guru at the Grace Pointe Church, has claimed that the Bible is not the inspired and infallible work of God. He stated that, “As Progressive Christians, we’re open to the tensions and inconsistencies in the Bible. We know that it can’t live up to impossible, modern standards. We strive to more clearly articulate what Scripture is and isn’t...The Bible isn’t: the Word of God, self-interpreting, a science book, an answer/rule book, inerrant or infallible. Rather, it is: a product of community, a library of texts, multi-vocal, a human response to God, living and dynamic” (Leonardo Blair, “The Christian Post”). He goes on to claim that the Bible contains things that are against the nature of God like genocide. People have used these passages to support

segregation, slavery and white supremacy. This obviously received some backlash from the “Christian” community. It did receive praise from an unlikely source. Hemant Metha from the Friendly Atheist wrote, “Those are the words of someone who’s actually read the Bible. Good on him.”

The only thing mentioned about Mr. Scott’s concept of the Bible that is accurate is that is not a science book or even just a rule book. Beyond that he drops off the edge of understanding, established concepts and reasoning about the Scriptures. If you move this landmark into the realm of “a product of community, a library of texts, multi-vocal, a human response to God, living and dynamic,” then you have replaced Divine authority with human authority. This Bible is not God’s redemptive message to man, it is man’s concept of God. All hail the golden calf.

How should we respond? “Continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of...you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation... All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable” (2 Tim. 3:14-16a). This is not the first religious organization to criticize the Bible. The Catholic church burned every English copy they could find when it was first translated, along with the people translating it. Truth will always win out. The Bible has had many critics, but they all eventually fade away.

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## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Believe it or not, it’s hard not being a Christian

Some people think that being a Christian is the hardest life to live. Unfortunately, they look at the commandments of God as “negative restrictions” rather than “positive opportunities” and “for our good always.” They think that living the life of the world is much easier.

Did you know this verse is in the Bible? Proverbs 13:15 states, “The way of transgressors is hard.” Think about that. Could that be true? Could it actually be hard to live a life of unfaithfulness to the Lord? Some folks would immediately say, “No way!”

Consider one example. When a person lies about something, now they have to remember “two realities”: the true one and the one they made up. They also have to remember to whom they told the “alternate reality” and when they told them. It’s much easier, in the long run, to just tell the truth to everyone. Is it “difficult” sometimes (Matt. 7:14)? Sure it is. But “difficult” does not mean “worse”! In fact, after regular practice, “difficult” becomes a desired (yeah, easy and preferable) way of life! – DS



### “I love me, I love me not.”

A handsome young hunter in Greek mythology stopped at a clear, calm pool of water to get a drink and noticed his reflection in the still waters. He fell in love with himself and could not bring himself to leave the beauty of his reflection, not even to eat or drink. He was so enamored that he eventually died there, staring at himself, and turned into a flower named... narcissus.

Today there are similar folks in love with themselves. They have become, like that hunter, narcissistic. They possess, by definition, an “excessive interest in or admiration of themselves, with an exaggerated sense of self-importance.” Of the many troubles of having such a condition is that it is counterproductive to the condition to recognize and admit having the condition.

The Bible warns repeatedly of the danger of “exalting self” instead of “humbling self” (Matt. 23:12; Jas. 4:6-10), and the danger of “selfish ambition and conceit” displacing the heart of Jesus (Phil. 2:3-5). May we so fall in love with Jesus and with serving others that our own reflection loses its appeal! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike &amp; Jean Archer</b>	still recovering from their accident and in a lot of pain
<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	dealing with blood pressure and other health issues
<b>Joyce Barnhouse</b>	in Medicana Rehab in Lake Worth
<b>Annie Faison</b>	under Hospice Care at her daughter's home in Miami
<b>Eva Fulton</b>	undergoing treatments
<b>Patricia Hackshaw</b>	undergoing physical therapy at home
<b>John Loftis</b>	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	fell and broke her foot
<b>Rose Martens</b>	recovering from surg. on her broken hip (no calls please)
<b>Angie Seames</b>	dealing with a lot of pain following her surgery
<b>Willie Smith</b>	recovering from back surgery
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital

## Ongoing Health Issues

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

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	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

<b>JoAnn Campbell</b>	Tasha Ellis' mother, surgery on her broken ankle, in rehab
<b>Ronald Fernander</b>	Turkessa Staley's father, under Hospice Care at Lakeside
<b>Hazel Hackshaw</b>	Maria Hackshaw's daughter, recovering from car accident
<b>Julie Jenkins</b>	Tina Wagner's sister, myasthenia gravis crisis
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, having severe health issues

*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, March 14

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

## Monday, March 15

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Tuesday, March 16

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

## Sunday, March 21

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

## Wednesday, March 24

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

## Saturday, March 27

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** from 8:30 a.m. until noon to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do. See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for more details.

## Sunday-Wednesday, March 28-31

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard.** This year's theme is "A Call for New Testament Christianity."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

## Sunday, April 4

- ◆ **Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.

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**Young Adults**

## Saturday, March 20

- ◆ **Jr. High & YA Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop (50 Cocoanut Row, Suite 117; Palm Beach 33480). Bring a bike and your lunch. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals are available at our meeting location (Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop).

## Friday, April 2

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

## Saturday, April 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Casey Bound. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Monday, April 5

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



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

## Tuesday, March 16

- ◆ **Sr. High Mini-Golf** at 8:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Cove Adventure Golf. Cost is \$11 for golf plus money for ice cream after. If you need a ride, please contact Josh Blackmer.

## Friday, March 19

- ◆ **Sr. High Family Cookout & Bonfire** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. Burgers and fries will be provided. Bring desserts, drinks and a lawn chair.

## Saturday, March 20

- ◆ **Jr. High & YA Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop (50 Cocoanut Row, Suite 117; Palm Beach 33480). Bring a bike and your lunch. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals are available at our meeting location (Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop).

## Sunday, March 21

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Please bring a dessert or drinks. See Josh Blackmer for details.

# Equipping & Edifying Families

## 8 Reasons Your Kids Are Misbehaving



Every parent deals with kids misbehaving from time to time. Sometimes, as parents, we think our kids are just being bad when there may be more going on under the surface that we need to address. Why do kids misbehave? While there may be many reasons for kids misbehaving, here are 8 that every parent must consider.

### 1. They have an irregular/unhealthy diet.

Bottom line: What kids eat has an effect on how they behave. Doctors have been saying it for years, but it's true—healthy eating encourages better behavior.

### 2. They have a lack of consistent discipline.

Yes, good old-fashioned discipline still works and is a cornerstone of practical and successful parenting. Discipline may take on different forms for different families, but nonetheless, it's needed, and consistency is key.

### 3. They are manipulating you.

I've seen it more times than I care to count: parents being controlled by their little ones, rather than the other way around. Sadly, it's usually obvious to everyone except the parents. Kids know how to push buttons to test us and see what will happen and what they can get away with. This is often especially true in public or when others outside of the family are present. A wise parent will take notice and unapologetically win these small battles by dealing with the situation, regardless of inconvenience.

### 4. They are being negatively influenced.

This could be from the shows or movies they watch, the games they play, or the friends they spend time with. Kids are great imitators of what they see and hear.

### 5. They have too much screen time.

Kids are spending more time in front of screens and less time in actual physical activity, and sadly, it can affect both their health and their behavior. According to the Mayo Clinic, elementary children spending more than two hours a day on screen time are more likely to struggle with obesity and behavioral problems. Never feel bad for requiring your kids to play outside or to use their imagination to have fun.

### 6. They're not getting enough of your attention.

Kids will knowingly misbehave if they find that it gets them the attention they crave but are lacking.

### 7. They are under stress or are angry.

Kids have struggles and problems too. It may be family problems, school problems, or relationship problems. All of this can have a negative effect on behavior.

### 8. They're just being kids.

Let's face it—kids misbehave. Sometimes it's because they're bored or tired, and sometimes it's because they're simply choosing to be bad. Kids misbehave because they're kids and they need our direction. Sometimes they need our discipline. And they always need our unconditional love.



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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
March 7

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Jaime Bravo; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Kayla Smith; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; Ms. Marie Telfont; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. Brandon Widner.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Carol Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Patty Kos, Pittsburgh, PA; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz, Hialeah Gardens, FL; Ms. Guerline Paul; and Mr. & Mrs. David & Judy Thompson, Marion, IL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Sunday (March 14th)  
Mike Erickson  
Michael Morning

Tuesday (March 16th) cont.  
Sue Shelt

Tuesday (March 16th)  
Tim Cox  
Lynne Jorgensen

Friday (March 19th)  
Dion Hayes  
Jermaine Smith  
Ricky Smith

Sunday, March 14

**Spring  
forward**



**News & Notes**

There is a **Wedding Shower for Jacob Campbell & Lauren Fuller** on Sunday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Wayfair.

*A Call for*  
**New Testament  
Christianity**

<b>Sunday, March 28</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>A Concept to Understand</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>A Christ to Follow</b>
	6:00 p.m.	<b>A Change to Make</b>
<b>Mon-Wed, March 29-31</b>	Mon. 7 p.m.	<b>A Cleansing to Enjoy</b>
	Tues. 7 p.m.	<b>A Church to Find</b>
	Wed. 7 p.m.	<b>A Coming to Prepare For</b>

**Those to Serve**

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **9:50 a.m.**

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.**

**Sunday Morning, March 14**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale  
Scripture Reading ..... Ivan Villard  
Presiding at Table ..... Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Serve at Table ..... TBD  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Archer

**Sunday Evening, March 14**

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer ..... Richard Watson  
Scripture Reading ..... Dion Hayes  
Presiding at Table ..... Mike Ellis  
Serve at Table ..... TBD  
Closing Prayer ..... Graysen Hayes

**Wednesday Evening, March 17**

Lead Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Invitation ..... Daniel Wagner  
Family Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes

**Our Record**

	<u>Mar. 7</u>	<u>Feb. Avg</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	147	146
Sun. AM Worship	196	176
Sun. PM Worship	117	101
Wed. Bible Study	125	118
Contribution	\$17,146	\$15,666

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$9,188

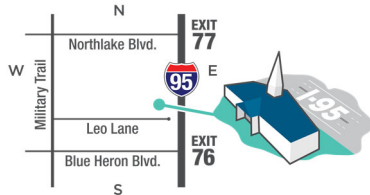
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage (Head Usher); Ricky Smith  
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



# 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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## Upcoming Events

**March 28-31**

**Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard**

**April 11**

**New Bible Class Semester Begins**

**April 15**

**Ladies' Day with Brenda Weaver**

**May 1**

**Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men**

**May 21-23**

**Biblical Creation Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller**

**May 30**

**Promotion Sunday**

**June 19-20**

**Vacation Bible School**