

### Shepherds

Johnny Davis ..... 307-4232  
Dan Fuller..... 685-4454  
Jerry Hopkins ..... 818-7164  
\*Paul Metzkes..... 870-8042  
Phil Porter ..... 575-4782  
Richard Watson..... 307-2608

\*Chairman for the Month of March

### Evangelists

Dan Jenkins ..... 379-2325  
David Sproule..... 301-2230  
Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

### Deacons

Mike Archer ..... 422-2995  
David Brown..... 972-7608  
Novel Brown ..... 848-6988  
Chuck Clark ..... 627-4132  
Victor Colage..... 719-1490  
Lance Collier..... 793-2718  
Kirk Crews ..... 339-9283  
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Tim Fry ..... 373-9121  
Jeff Goodale ..... 261-1188  
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# A Call for New Testament Christianity



Gospel Meeting  
with Neal Pollard

March 28-31

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

## **Sunday, March 28**

9:00 a.m. **A Concept to Understand**

10:00 a.m. **A Christ to Follow**

6:00 p.m. **A Change to Make**

## **Monday, March 29**

12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **Church Friendly: Lift Up Your Eyes**

7:00 p.m. **A Cleansing to Enjoy**

## **Tuesday, March 30**

12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **Church Friendly: Open Your Mouth**

7:00 p.m. **A Church to Find**

## **Wednesday, March 31**

12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **Church Friendly: Help Them Out**

7:00 p.m. **A Coming to Prepare For**

*\*Reminder: There will be NO potluck luncheon on Sunday or potluck dinners Monday-Wednesday evenings.*



### **ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: Neal Pollard**

**Neal Pollard** has been preaching the gospel for over 30 years. He currently preaches for the Lehman Avenue church of Christ in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and he is the speaker for “Light of the World” TV program that airs on NBC in Bowling Green. Neal has spoken in numerous gospel meetings, lectureships and seminars around the country, and he is the author of the book, *Rise Up and Build*. Neal and his wife, Kathy, have three grown sons..

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike &amp; Jean Archer</b>	still in a lot of pain
<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	dealing with blood pressure and other health issues
<b>Joyce Barnhouse</b>	home from rehab and improving
<b>Annie Faison</b>	under Hospice Care at her daughter's home in Miami
<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>	recovering from a broken foot
<b>Rose Martens</b>	in La Posada for rehab on her hip
<b>Les Sawyer</b>	in the VA Hospital
<b>Giselle Smith</b>	dealing with continual sickle cell crises
<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, in rehab for her broken ankle
<b>Ronald Fernander</b>	Turkessa Staley's father, under Hospice Care at Lakeside
<b>Julie Jenkins</b>	Tina Wagner's sister, myasthenia gravis crisis
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, having severe health issues
<b>Kevin Wagner</b>	Daniel Wagner's father, in ICU at AdventHealth, infection

**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**



By Dan Jenkins

## What God Treasures

It is foolish to fail to think soberly about what really matters. Our secular world focuses on misguided values and attributes while failing to see that heaven's value system is so different from theirs. Far too many Christians suffer from low self-esteem simply because we have embraced a secular view of how we measure ourselves. The worldly view of importance is determined by the job we have, our educational attainments, how we look in the mirror measured by Hollywood's standard of beauty, and by the awards and honors we have received.

**The proper view of beauty and outward appearance.** If our value is determined by how beautiful or handsome we appear as we look in the mirror, we may all be in trouble. Answering one question can help us see that outward appearance does not show our value. How handsome was Jesus? "And when we see Him, He has no beauty that we should desire Him" (Isa. 53:2). His worth, and more importantly ours, is not determined by beauty. It's alright to be ugly!

**The proper view of the kind of work we do and where we are employed.** Our world says that the closer we are to making minimum wage the less important we are. How true is this? When Jesus came, what kind of job did He do? He

was a laborer, a carpenter like His father. His worth, and more importantly yours, is not determined by the place you work. It is alright to have an insignificant job!

**The proper view of your bank account.** When God sent His Son into the world, how rich was He? If wealth really matters, then surely God would allow the King of the world to be wealthy. Those wise men from the east sought to find the new king in Herod's place—they were not that wise. Ignorant shepherds found Him with Divine guidance. "You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12). How wealthy was He in His adult life? "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has no place to lay His head" (Matt. 8:20). It's alright to be poor!

**The proper view of education.** The same question shows one's worth is not determined by the degrees he has earned. The educated men of His day said of Jesus, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied" (John 7:15)? It's alright to never have finished high school!

**What are you worth? Let God answer the question. You matter, just ask Him!** Let God answer the question for He alone knows what really matters. You matter—just ask God! "Has not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him" (James 2:5)? Just love God with all your heart and let Him determine what you are really worth!



By David Sproule

## Having Rules Is a Sign of Love

There has long been a discussion regarding the Bible as to whether it is "A Rule Book" or "A Love Letter." (Note: The Bible nowhere uses those kinds of terms to describe itself, so recognize that we are using language that man has created in an effort to describe the Bible. Thus, this language falls short in many ways of adequately and accurately describing Scripture, but we are using it here accommodatively to examine a particular point.)

Some have argued over the years that the Bible is "A Love Letter" from God and should never be viewed as "A Rule Book." Their proposition is based upon what they perceive to be an unhealthy emphasis by some to teach the need to obey commands in the Bible rather than accept and experience the love of God. What these individuals have attempted to do is to strategically (yeah, in a surgical manner) to separate God's expressions of His love for mankind from any requirements that He may impose. The question you need to consider is—What does the Bible teach? Are "love" and "rules" mutually exclusive?

First, the Bible teaches with absolute clarity that God loves us (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:7-11; etc.) That thought, in and of itself, just boggles the mind. We are so un-

lovable, and yet His love for us is unconditional. Yet, unconditional love does not mean unconditional approval.

Second, the Bible teaches that God wants all to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4), and He does not want any to be lost (2 Pet. 3:9), but His salvation is conditional (Matt. 7:21-28). God loves all mankind, but not all of mankind will be saved (7:13-14).

Third, the Bible teaches that obedience to the commands of God is absolutely essential in order to be saved (Heb. 5:8-9), and everlasting punishment awaits those who do not obey (2 Thess. 1:8-9).

Fourth, the Bible teaches that there are commands given by God in the Bible (the word "command[ments]" is found 24 times in Psalm 119), and that God does "require" that we "keep the commandments" (Deut. 10:12-13), but what He commands is "for your good" (10:13) "always" (6:24).

Put all of this together. God loves us! God loves us so much that He wants to save us! God loves us so much that He laid out detailed steps for us to take to be saved! God loves us so much that He warned us what would happen if we chose to not respond obediently to Him extending His love to us! He loves us so much that He gave us "commands" (He uses that word instead of "rules"), so that when we "keep" them, we demonstrate our "love" back to Him (John 14:15). Wow! What a loving, wonderful God we have!

**Unconditional love does not mean unconditional approval.**



By Josh Blackmer

## Cross, Crook and Crown

There are some who have taken a closer look at Psalm twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four. From these psalms, they have drawn three aspects of the Christ, each one highlighting a different characteristic of our Lord.

Psalm twenty-two turns our attention to the cross. It was quoted by Christ while He hung there, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?” (Matt. 27:46). This psalm begins with those same words and prophecies about the events of the crucifixion. The comments of the crowd are mentioned (Psa. 22:6-8; Matt. 27:42). It talks about the state of His body (Psa. 22:13-17). It specifically mentions the casting of lots for His garments (Psa. 22:18). What starts as a mournful psalm turns to praise. “But You, O LORD, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance” (Psa. 22:19). It also speaks of the future kingdom Christ died for. “All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD’S and He rules over the nations” (Psa. 22:27-28).

The most famous psalm speaks about the shepherd. For this reason, some have dubbed Psalm twenty-three “The Psalm of the Crook”—that curved staff used to lead, guide and

defend the flock. Jesus referred to Himself as the good shepherd. “I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep” (John 10:14-15). Looking at Christ as the good shepherd, it is not hard to think of Him in this way: “The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake” (Psa. 23:1-3). The King that conquered death can certainly shepherd us safely through that valley.

### Three psalms, three truths, one King!

Psalm twenty-four begins with the supremacy of God and asking who can stand in His holy mountain. The final part of the psalm is reminiscent of the triumphal entry of our Lord (Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:4-5). “Lift up your heads, O gates, and lift them up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory” (Psa. 24:9-10).

It is easy to see why the cross, the crook and the crown are drawn from these three psalms, each speaking to a specific work of our King. I am thankful that the Bible was so harmoniously written that throughout its pages we can see the influence of inspiration and the grandeur of our King.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Prove yourself a man

King David was nearing the time of his death and was giving some final instructions and advice to his son, Solomon. (His last words are recorded in 1 Kings 2:2-9.) What would be some of the most important things that a father could say to his son to carry with him? The first three statements from David say it all: “(1) Be strong. (2) Prove yourself a man. (3) Keep the charge of the Lord your God” (1 Kgs. 2:2-3).

What does he mean to “prove yourself a man”? Solomon needed to stand out. His behavior needed to exhibit great wisdom, courage and determination—that of a man. Adam Clarke noted, “Act like a rational being, and not like a brute,” and then went on to note, “He acts most like a man who is most devoted to his God.” That’s why David went on to say, “Keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes...” Real men follow the Lord!

What advice would you give to young men today? How about, “Prove yourself a man!” – DS



### The Lord is the maker of them all

We might think this is so obvious, but consider the wisdom of Proverbs 22:2, especially for our day and age: “The rich and the poor have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all.” Every rich person needs to see the poor person is made by God, and every poor person needs to see the rich person is made by God. But make the application larger.

The black and the white have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The man and the woman have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The democrat and the republican have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The politician and the citizen have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The mask wearers and the non-mask wearers have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all. The old and the young have this in common, the Lord is the maker of them all.

We would do well to see a little bubble over every person’s head that says, “The Lord made me, just like He made you.” – DS



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## 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. Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room.
- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

## 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.

## Monday, April 5 (cont.)

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

## Tuesday, April 6

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

## Sunday, April 11

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for everyone.

## Thursday, April 15

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Brenda Weaver** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Seeing Christ Through Our Brokenness." We need to get an RSVP from every lady and congregation no later than April 5.

## Friday-Sunday, April 16-18

- ♦ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Proverbs: Tools for Skillful Living." Cost is \$40 per person. Josh Blackmer is the retreat coordinator. Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org).

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

## Friday, April 2

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. The theme is personal pizza night. Bring drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, April 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. 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.

## Tuesday, April 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard. See Amber for more details.

## Friday, April 23

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson. See Ivan Villard for details.



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

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## Saturday, April 3

- ♦ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. There will be outdoor games and activities following the hunt. Jr. High should arrive at 9:30 a.m. and bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate in eggs; it will melt). See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

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



Sunday,  
March 21

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Greg Bland; Miss Tytianna Cox; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Fabiola Perla; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie & Jeanie Crocker, Decatur, AL; Ms. Ann Graham, Keystone Heights, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Peggy Lewis, Columbia, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Guerline Paul, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Beverly Scholten, Holland, MI; and Miss Hannah Young, Rosedale, NY.



To My PBLCOC Family,

Thank you so much for your love, your prayers, the many cards and phone calls regarding the passing of my mother; with my deepest gratitude.

Love in Christ,  
Eugene Williams



Monday (March 29th)  
Martin Barr  
Cruz Fernandez

Friday (April 2nd)  
Lorena Pittman

Thursday (April 1st)  
Taylor Reeves

Saturday (April 3rd)  
Giselle Smith

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' Day**  
with Brenda Weaver

Thursday, April 15



**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 28**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Novel Brown  
Scripture Reading.....Orlando Lolo  
Presiding at Table .....Darin Summerlot  
Serve at Table ..... TBD  
Closing Prayer ..... Gary Jenkins

**Sunday Evening, March 28**

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer .....David Lord  
Scripture Reading.....Daniel Lord  
Presiding at Table.....Ricky Smith  
Serve at Table ..... TBD  
Closing Prayer ..... Johnny Davis

**Wednesday Evening, March 28**

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Invitation..... Neal Pollard  
Family Prayer .....David Sproule

**Our Record**

Attendance	<u>Mar. 21</u>	<u>Feb. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	164	146
Sun. AM Worship	215	176
Sun. PM Worship	122	101
Wed. Bible Study	146	118
Contribution	\$16,648	\$15,666

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,147

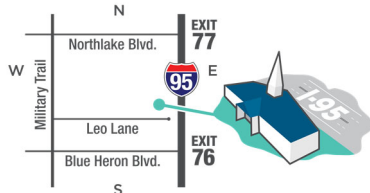
Ushers for this week: Stephen Beliech (Head Usher); Eugene Williams  
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



# 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.

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**April 4**

**April 11**

**April 18**

**April 25**

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Jeff Goodale	Cam Crotts	Josh Blackmer	
Scripture Reading	Robert Mariano	Tim Cox	Jeff Leslie	David Sproule	
Presiding at Table	David Brown	Eugene Williams	Kane Campbell	Dan Jenkins	
Closing Prayer	Dan Fuller	Graysen Hayes	Joe Maloney	Darin Summerlot	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Dion Hayes	
Opening Prayer	Mike Ellis	Jimmie Banks	Victor Colage	Ricky Smith	
Scripture Reading	Josiah Blackmer	Daniel Lord	Tyler Williams	Harrison Crotts	
Presiding at Table	Andy Anderson	Dan McLeod	Rick Hall	Dirk Summerlot	
Closing Prayer	Novel Brown	Scott Studer	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	TBD	TBD	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
	Video	Scott Studer	TBD	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	TBD	TBD	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
	Video	Scott Studer	TBD	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
<i>Ushers:</i>	<b>Apr. 4 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Apr. 11 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Apr. 18 &amp; 21</b>	<b>Apr. 25 &amp; 28</b>	
	Freddie Gadson	Lance Collier	Jimmie Banks	Andy Fernandez	
	Errol Gower-Winter	Namdidie Ikon	Mike Damron	Robert Mariano	
<i>Safety Team</i>	Bob Higbee	David Lord	Seth Watson	Lawrence Williams	