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**Our Gospel Meeting is not over!**  
**It keeps on going...on our website!**

### A Call for New Testament Christianity

Neal Pollard conducted a Gospel Meeting at the PBL church of Christ on March 28-31, 2021.

#### Holding Hands

March 31, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### A Coming to Prepare For

March 31, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### Lift Up Your Eyes

March 30, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### A Church to Find

March 30, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### Take the Step

March 29, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### A Cleansing to Enjoy

March 29, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### A Change to Make

March 28, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### A Christ to Follow

March 28, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

#### A Concept to Understand

March 28, 2021 Sermon Neal Pollard

**Watch. Listen. Share. Repeat.**



By Dan Jenkins

## Failure to “Purchase Tickets” for Noah’s Cruise

That there will be final appearance before God and a final judgment is obviously taught in the Bible. It is not that in some vague way, open to various interpretations, that somehow men might be brought into His presence. The Scriptures are filled with clear statements which leave no doubt about that final judgment.

Listen to the finality of these words from heaven. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Cor 5:10). “For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ” (Rom. 14:10). “He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness” (Acts 17:31). It is an eternal truth that it will happen.

In view of how sick and spiritually deprived our world has become, why has He not already come? There were those in the first century who thought He should have come and concluded that the Lord had made a promise to return and failed to keep it. In Peter’s second epistle, he writes about this and then gives the reason why He had not come in their day. It is the same reason He has not returned in our day.

There were those who looked around them and concluded that “...since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were” (2 Pet. 3:4). Peter said that those who were say-

ing this had forgotten what had happened in the past. They had done it on purpose (v. 5). It is so easy to fail to see the big picture of God’s dealings with man. The apostle pointed them to the flood in Noah’s day. God’s view of that ancient world was vastly different from those who heard Noah’s preaching. God kept His promise, and the flood came!

Why did He delay? Read God’s words about this question, and you will have a better understanding about the reason He has not come even in our day. “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). Think of it in these terms. There was room on the ark for many more than Noah and his family, but not one single person wanted to “purchase the ticket.”

The implication of these truths? We live in a world where it is widely believed that the world has nothing to do with a Creator but is the result of an evolutionary process. God has made us, and we live, walk and have our very existence because of Him (Acts 17:28). Why does He delay of the final judgment? Because *He is not willing that any should perish*. He waits as we try to teach those around us. He has delayed His return because He is waiting for us to tell others about sin and salvation. He is counting on us. We must not fail to be part of saving just one more soul for Him.

**There will be a final judgment. Why is the Lord delaying that day?**



By David Sproule

## Preachers Have Always Been My Heroes

I have spent time trying to figure out the “when,” the “how” and the “why.” When was it that preachers became my heroes? How did it happen? Why did it happen? I’m not sure that I’ve been able to pinpoint the precise answers to those questions. All I can determine is that it started very early

and that there were two groups of people who influenced me down this path: (1) preachers and (2) my parents.

I wish all preachers would recognize the direct and positive impact that they do (and can) have on children. Too many preachers ignore them, shoo them away or merely tolerate them. Perhaps it is because of those kinds of preachers that we don’t have more young men longing to be preachers today. Fellow preachers, we can all do better.

Equally so, I wish parents would recognize the direct and positive impact that they do (and can) have on their sons in becoming preachers. I’m not sure my parents set out intentionally to influence me to become a preacher, but in looking back, they did many things to point me down that path.

First, there are things that I do not remember my parents ever doing. I do not remember them ever speaking negatively about a preacher or his lessons. I do not remember them putting a preacher down in any way.

In fact, just the opposite is true. I remember my parents speaking very highly about and to preachers. They invited preachers into our home. They loved when visiting preachers and missionaries came and always did things to encourage them while they were here. On one family vacation out west, we even stopped to see an older preacher (who was dear to our family), who was nearing death.

Preachers were never disparaged in our home. Rather, they were always esteemed (but not more highly than was responsible). I’m not saying that they were deified, but they were highly respected, which prompted my young brain to want to “be one of those guys who gets to preach.”

Parents, this article is not intended in any way to be self-serving! Rather, I want to urge you to take seriously the opportunity to urge your son to be a preacher. Often, unfortunately, that’s the last thing some parents ever wish for their sons. I have to admit, I don’t fully (or even partially) understand that at all. I assure you that there is no better life.

Friends, our world needs more preachers! Our Lord needs more preachers! Our church (nationally and globally) needs more preachers! Our families need more preachers! From my earliest memories, I always wanted to be a preacher. Let us all (please) encourage our young men to preach.

**Take seriously the opportunity to urge your son to be a preacher.**



By Josh Blackmer

## Submission to the One Who Loves Us

To submit is not a popular thought. For most, it brings up ideas of subjugation and conquest, the rule of power exerted over the will of others. Submittance means I am no longer in control of my own future. For a nation that prides itself on freedoms and rights, submission seems counterintuitive.

What concept should we have of submission?

We need to see that first we should be in submission to the will of God. "Submit therefore to God" (Jas. 4:7a). "Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so" (Rom. 8:7). Submittance looks like obedience, feels like love (John 14:15) and is losing oneself (Gal. 2:20). My will is no longer my own. All my desires are superseded by the desires of my Lord.

We are commanded to submit to governing authorities. This is a struggle. It is one thing to submit to God, who loves us (John 3:16). It is another thing to submit to a governing authority that at best doesn't care and in some cases is openly hostile toward you. Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. Yet the Lord has said, "For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has

opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves" (Rom. 13:1-2). Here in lies the dilemma. How far do we submit? It is clear that we are to obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29). Paul used the laws of the land to his advantage for the furtherance of the kingdom (Acts 16:37-39). It was clear that the early church suffered at the hand of the government. They "gladly" lost property and suffered ill treatment but looked forward to the eternal reward (Heb. 10:32-34).

**Submission is not subjugation.**

We are to submit to one another (Eph. 5:21). Christ is the greatest example of this, and this is highlighted in the letter the Philippian church (Phil. 2:3-4). In the context of submission to one another, Paul writes about wives being in submission to husbands (Eph. 5:22-33). This means the husband has the ultimate responsibility of maintaining a godly home. Likewise, we are to submit to the elders so that the task that the Lord has given them will be done with joy (Heb. 13:17).

Even though submission is not a popular thought, it is something that we are commanded to do. Hopefully, this will help: Submission to God for our betterment. Submission to government even to our detriment. Submission to one another for our encouragement. Submission to our spouses that are heaven-sent. Submission to the elders for their enjoyment.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Heaven

"This world is not my home!" Aren't you glad! Doesn't that just make all the difference in your day knowing that "there's a beautiful place called heaven" that is "reserved" for you (1 Pet. 1:4-5)! The very thought of heaven...the very thought that we do not deserve to be in that place for even one second...the very thought that God longs for us to be there with Him forever...the very thought that we can dwell in His blessed presence throughout eternity...is just TOO much! It is a "joy" that is "inexpressible and full of glory" (1 Pet. 1:8).

Do you ever get down? Do you ever get distracted by this world? Do you ever get frustrated by all that is happening around us? The writer of Hebrews spoke of "knowing that you have a **better** and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven" (Heb. 10:34). There is no "better" life than being a Christian, but Paul said that (in comparison) getting to go and "be with Christ" is "very far better" (Phil. 1:23). May we (as the word is literally translated in Hebrews 11:16) "stretch out after" that "better country"! – DS



### Stop waiting for a program

Having programs in a church is great and necessary, in order to have an organized method of accomplishing the work that a local congregation needs to do. However, too often, individual members expect the programs of the church to do the work or they blame the absence of programs for work not being done. Such a reality prompted me to write a tract a few years ago entitled, "99 Things You Can Do for the Lord Without a Program." The 99 items started with words like: "Teach, Give, Send, Share, Invite, Pray, Encourage, Offer, Make, Go, Help, Write, Call, Host, Visit, Take, etc."

Fellow Christian, if there are others in need of help or encouragement, then be the one to help or encourage. God gave you a personal responsibility. Go for it! Remain submissive and respectful and supportive of the church shepherds, but don't blame them or the church because something is being neglected that you can personally do. The church (collectively) has a responsibility, but the church is made up of individual Christians (like you). – DS

# 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 a lot of pain and undergoing medical tests
<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>Rose Martens</b>	now at home
<b>Les Sawyer</b>	in the VA Hospital
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital



**Amy Rosado**, upon the passing of **her brother, Mark Newman**, on Sunday, March 21.

**Scott Lewis**, upon the passing of **his brother, Ken Dement**, on Wednesday, March 31.

## 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, recovering from a broken ankle
<b>Barbara Coe</b>	Linda Coe's mother, still dealing with Alzheimer's
<b>Mary Everett</b>	Luther Robinson's mother, dealing with health issues
<b>Ronald Fernander</b>	Turkessa Staley's father, under Hospice Care at Lakeside
<b>Don Fields</b>	Trish Clark's brother, two gastro procedures on April 1
<b>Kevin Wagner</b>	Daniel Wagner's father, hospitalized last week

**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, 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 Family Room.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry or Rick Hall 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 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 all children and adults.

## 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 Monday, 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).

## Saturday, April 17

- ◆ **CFBC Birdies & BBQ Golf Tournament** at RedTail Golf Club. For more details or to register, visit [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org).

## Saturday, April 24

- ◆ **EDP & Wives Dinner & Fellowship** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. See David Sproule for details.

## Saturday, May 1

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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

### 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.

### Saturday, May 1

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

### Monday, May 3

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.



## Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

### 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.

### Saturday, April 10

- ◆ **Sr. High Makin' Music Viewing Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Gary & Jacqui Jenkins. Come and watch FHU's Makin' Music live and enjoy some food. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

### Friday-Sunday, April 16-18

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### Friday, April 23

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 5:30 p.m. at the Jupiter Country Club. The theme is *"A Night on the Red Carpet."* Cost is \$50 per person. RSVP by Friday, April 16.



IN MY RESOLVE

TO

WORSHIP

MORE HEARTILY

APRIL

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
March 28



## Directory Changes

**Marie Telfort** was identified on Sunday, March 28.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (April 4th)

Jeannie Hamilton

Monday (April 5th)

Elizabeth Summerlot

Thursday (April 8th)

Jean Archer  
Micky Affron

Thursday (April 8th) cont.

Nadia King  
Zula Garrett

Saturday (April 10th)

Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)  
Anthioda Charles  
Jennifer Higbee  
Rose Martens

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Guy & Sonia Austin; Mr. & Mrs. James & Wynona Bowman; Miss Amy Campbell; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Carolyn Deem; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Estella Hawley; Mr. Billy Rasch; Mr. & Mrs. Vincent & Janet Rubio; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; Mr. Micah Trujillo; Mr. Garfield Walks; Mrs. Carrie Washington; and Mr. Bobby Washington.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Michael Aldrich, Sunrise, FL; Mrs. Janna Allen, Riverview, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Don & Carol Dodd, Harvest, AL; Ms. Peggy Engeler, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Cheri Erickson & Harper, Kennebunk, ME; Mr. Fritz Gerald Exantus, West Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brayden & Ashley Gilles, Lewisburg, TN; Ms. Ann Graham, Keystone Heights, FL; Ms. Barbara Harris, Zanesville, OH; Mrs. Carol Johnson, Sebring, FL; Mr. Colton Kelley & Mr. Jacob Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Sheri Patterson, Sebring, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Neal & Kathy Pollard, Bowling Green, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; Mr. Kyle Reeves, Bahamas; Mr. Ben Ross, Davie, FL; Ms. Suzanne Rossi, Sebring, FL; Mrs. Beverly Stagg, Sebring, FL; Ms. Doris Swihart, Sebring, FL; Mrs. Julie True, Franklin, TN; and Mr. Jerry Western, White Bluff, TN.

## 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, April 4

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Ivan Villard  
Scripture Reading..... Robert Mariano  
Presiding at Table ..... David Brown  
Serve at Table ..... TBD  
Closing Prayer ..... Dan Fuller

### Sunday Evening, April 4

Lead Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Mike Ellis  
Scripture Reading..... Josiah Blackmer  
Presiding at Table..... Andy Anderson  
Serve at Table ..... TBD  
Closing Prayer ..... Novel Brown

### Wednesday Evening, April 7

Lead Singing ..... Graysen Hayes  
Invitation..... Josh Blackmer  
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

## Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 28	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	192	146
Sun. AM Worship	237	176
Sun. PM Worship	162	101
Wed. Bible Study	186	118
Contribution	\$18,567	\$15,666

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$15,770

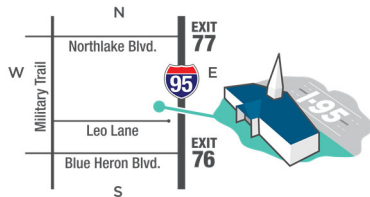
Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson (Head Usher); Errol Gower-Winter  
Safety Team for this week: Bob Higbee



# 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: Allison Roman & Eva Fulton

# New Bible Classes (APRIL 11 – JUNE 16)

## SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Baptism: Un-Watered Down (Part 1)	David Sproule (Auditorium)
Bible Geography	Dan Jenkins (Family Room)
Young Adults: Romans (Part 1)	Robert Lupo (Adult 3)
Sr. High: Christian Living	
Jr. High: Letters to Christians	

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Minor Prophets (Micah-Malachi)	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
The Historicity of Jesus	Dan Fuller (Family Room)
Ladies: Crown of Creation	H. Crotts, K. Nelson, (Adult M. Hayes, A. Villard 1-2)
Sr. High: Issues Young People Face	
Jr. High: Bible Geography	