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

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

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- David Brown..... 972-7608
- Novel Brown 848-6988
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Honoring Our Graduates
(See page 6.)

FLOOD
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By Dan Jenkins

The Divine Vaccine

For the past year, we have dealt with the onslaught of a powerful sickness which has infected the entire world. Every newscast has given us the number of new infections and the daily total of those who have died. The life of every Christian has been changed because of its presence.

However, we may have lost sight of another “disease” which has rapidly spread all over the world and threatens every person in every home on the earth. That “disease” is sin. It has killed far more every day than Covid-19 has in a year. Sin brings death to all who are infected by it, but we should be ever thankful that there is a Divine vaccine to deal with it.

That vaccine is a life built on faithful obedience and service to the Lord. Sin has captured billions of individuals on this earth, but a life of faith removes its power from our lives. In both the Old Testament and the New Testament we find this simple truth, “The just shall live by faith” (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). Sin brings death but a life which is built around trusting God and doing His will “vaccinates” us against the power of sin and Satan.

Look at how the Divine vaccine empowers us and assures us that we will not become slaves to the bondage that sin always brings.

The life of faithful service removes from us the consequences of past sin. When Christians look at the mistakes of their past lives, they see it different. There is no need in the heart of His children for them to carry the heavy burden of the guilt of sin. While we can never remove the knowledge of our sinful past, we must always remember that day when God forgot about them. That person who is raised from the waters of baptism is a new creation. That sinful man with all of the horrendous, stupid mistakes has been crucified and has been buried in the waters of baptism (Rom. 6:3-6). When he walks out of the baptistry, he is a new sinless person! There is no need for guilt because God does not even remember our past!

The life of faithful service removes sin and its guilt from our lives after we are baptized. Do we do wrong? Yes, to deny this is to make God a liar, but hear these words about every wrong we have done after we became a Christian. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). The blood that dealt with past sins deals with our daily sins for “...if we walk in the light...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Sin has taken up residence in the lives of all mankind, but it does not reside in His children. The blood of Jesus, the Divine vaccine, always protects us. Is there any wonder He said, “Be faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life”?

We may have lost sight of another “disease” which threatens our lives



By David Sproule

10 Things to Do When People Make Mistakes

“Nobody’s perfect!” You’ve heard it. You’ve thought it. You’ve probably said it. Unfortunately, we seem to often find ourselves on the receiving end of the imperfection. Sometimes the mistakes are not that big of a deal—putting pickles on a plain burger or calling you by the wrong name. Other times the mistakes are a really big deal—running a red light into oncoming traffic or giving someone the wrong medication. So, what do we (Christians) do when people make mistakes...and at our expense?

Sympathize with them. If Jesus could and can “sympathize with our weaknesses” (Heb. 4:15), then why can we not try to do the same by putting ourselves in their place? You’ve been there yourself!

Be patient with them. Paul addressed how to respond to those who may test our patience sometimes by saying, “Be patient with all” (1 Thess. 5:14). A servant of the Lord “must” be “patient when wronged” (2 Tim. 2:24).

Be kind to them. A servant of God is to “be kind” and “tenderhearted” (Eph. 4:32) to “everyone,” rather than being “quarrelsome” (2 Tim. 2:24), for the Lord Himself “is kind to ungrateful and evil people” (Luke 6:35).

Golden Rule them. “As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them” (Luke 6:31).

We seem to often find ourselves on the receiving end of the imperfection.

Go to them. If the situation calls for a resolution, then “go and tell him his fault between you and him alone” (Matt. 18:15). Aim to keep it private.

Refuse to malign them. A Christian is charged, “Do not speak evil of one another” (Jas. 4:11). In fact, Paul would “remind” us “to speak evil of no one,” and instead “to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men” (Tit. 3:1-2).

Love them. Just as the Lord possessed and demonstrated love for all men (John 3:16), He calls upon us to do the same, even to “love” people we would consider our “enemies” (Matt. 5:44). Agape love is unconditional, unselfish and seeks the best of the one to whom we direct that love (cf. Phil. 2:3-5).

Pray for them. While our tendency might be to give someone a piece of our mind, the better choice would be to talk to God about and for that person (Matt. 5:44; Luke 23:34) to obtain a peace of mind.

Be merciful to them and forgive them. Once again, our God shows the way. “Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36). If we want God to forgive us, then we must forgive others (Matt. 6:14-15).

Don’t let their mistake rule you. You control you. Better yet, “Set your mind on things above” (Col. 3:1). Read Colossians 3 and then let verse 15 resonate in your heart: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”



By Josh Blackmer

Spinning Truth or Lying

Spinning truth and promoting a false narrative is a concept that has been around a long time. We used to call it deception and lying. “The serpent said to the woman, ‘You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil’” (Gen. 3:4-5). Satan was spinning the truth and selling a false narrative. He was insinuating that God was oppressing Eve and keeping knowledge from her and Adam. By eating of the tree, they would be woke enough to know the difference between good and evil. What he failed to mention was the responsibility to always choose good and never do evil.

In Jesus’ day, He was public enemy number one for the Pharisees. When it came time for His trial, for crimes that He did not commit, it was obvious that He was innocent. “Pilate came out again and said to them, ‘Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him’” (John 19:4). Pilate, perhaps thinking that a convicted murderer and insurrectionist wouldn’t be chosen over an innocent man, had the people choose between Barabbas and Jesus (Matt. 27:15-23). “But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead” (Mark 15:11). What was happening that day was not about truth, justice or righteousness. Pilate, a rational thinker,

was amazed at what was happening (Mark 15:5). It was about the narrative that the religious elite had been spinning.

In our lives there are a lot of false narratives being spun around us. That sin is good, you should tolerate it. That there is more than one race. That there is more than two genders. That government can fix everything. That believing anything other than the narrative is neanderthal thinking. We must be logical and Biblical thinkers to see the spin and help others see it also. “Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise” (1 Cor. 3:18). “Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (1 Cor. 1:25). Only in God’s wisdom can we see through the lies and deception. Part of that involves seeing what the real threat and battle is about. It is not about political or national issues. The fight is for souls. It is between sin and righteousness. We cannot be eating what Satan is serving the world. We must choose Jesus over Barabbas, over sin, every day.

Satan spun truth to deceive Adam and Eve, and it led to sin entering the world. He thought he was doing it again with the crucifixion of the Christ. However, it led to salvation for man and destruction for Satan. There is comfort in knowing that with all that is happening in the world, God is in control.

We can not be eating what Satan is serving the world.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

As is the habit of some

Some folks can sit at a football game for three hours (or more). Some folks can sit and fish all day long. Some folks can sit in a cart and play a round of golf for three or four hours. Some folks can sit and watch a movie for two or three hours. Some folks can sit and read a book for an entire afternoon. Some folks can sit in a doctor’s office for a couple hours to check on their health. Some folks can sit on an airplane (or in a car) for hours and hours to reach their destination. Some folks can sit at their computer and work or even play games for hours on end. Some folks can sit and watch their child (or grandchild) play a little league sport for an entire morning. Some folks can sit on the beach and watch the waves for the better part of a day.

So, tell me again, why is it that “some folks” cannot (or, more accurately, do not) sit and participate in the assembly when the church is gathered together? We always seem to find a way to do what we want to do and even to do what we have to do. Don’t we? – DS



Imposing on others

The Bible teaches us to love our neighbor (Matt. 22:39) and to be friendly (Prov. 18:24), but the Bible also warns us of imposing ourselves on others. Proverbs 25:17 states, “Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.” It is important to visit our friends, our brethren and our neighbor, but we must also be mindful of when we go, how often we go and how long we stay. This goes for actual visits in their home, as well as contact by other means. Interestingly, the proverb right before it relates – “Have you found honey?” (In other words, “Have you found something good?”) “Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit” (25:16). The old saying, “Familiarity breeds contempt,” comes to mind.

We have a responsibility to serve others (Gal. 5:13), do good unto others (Gal. 6:10), visit others (Jas. 1:27), give to others (Eph. 4:28), look out for the needs of others (Phil. 2:3-4). We should “addict” ourselves to such activity (1 Cor. 16:15). But, we must also be mindful to not make such efforts about us or to impose ourselves (and our wishes) on others. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Micky Affron	recovering from an auto accident
Mike Archer	now at home and improving
Adrienne Banks	ICU in Wellington Regional, recovering from trach surg.
Pete Brown	Jupiter Medical Center, recovering from foot surgery
Chuck Clark	in La Posada for rehab, recovering from a stroke
Mary Coombs	having cataract surgery on June 9
Johnny Mark Davis	immunotherapy for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	scheduled for cardiac ablation on June 1
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical tests
Loretta Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Grace Judge	diagnosed with auto immune and started treatment
Sabrina Pietro	suffering with shingles
Connye Plouffe	Encompass Health Rehab Hospital in Stuart
Les Sawyer	at home but is very weak
Patricia Ventress	in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Terri Hahn	leukemia
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Dianne Frye	Les Sawyer
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Patricia Ventress
Joe Holland	



The family of **Annie Faison**, who passed away on Sunday, May 23.

Jordan Beasley, upon the passing of his sister, **Donna Beasley**, on Wednesday, May 26.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, recovering from bypass surgery
Michael Lupo	Robert Lupo's brother, recovering from surgery
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, chemo treatments for leukemia
Margie Williams	Norma Mariano's sister, fell and cracked a bone in her hip

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, May 30

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. This year's graduates can be found on page 6.

Monday, May 31

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

Tuesday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 5

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help out.

Sunday, June 6

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Wednesday, June 9

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium. Heath Johnson (Jog Road) will be speaking on *"My God Loved Me Before I Ever Was."*

Saturday, June 12

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street** from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Becky Blackmon will be speaking on *"It's About Time."*

Wednesday, June 16

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Casey (West Broward) will be speaking on *"My God Answers Me When I Pray to Him."*

Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Tuesday, June 1

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

Friday, June 4

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

Saturday, June 5

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, June 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

Saturday, June 12

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, May 30

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. Please bring a dessert or drink.

Friday, June 4

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

Saturday, June 5

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, June 12

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Josiah Blackmer

High School: Homeschool
Activities in School: Soccer (Captain of team), football, Krav Maga, band (First Chair Trumpet)
Awards: Tri-M Honors Society, Most Musical Award, Community Service Award
Hobbies: reading, games, watching movies, guitar, learning new things/instruments
PBL Memories: Lock-ins, long van rides, LTC, CFBC and mission trips
Future plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University, major in Nursing, become an ER nurse, then a Nurse Practitioner



Haley Hall

High School: Palm Beach Gardens
Activities in School: TV & Film Magnet Program, Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Tennis
Hobbies: going to the beach, stargazing, car rides with friends, making videos, eating Chick-Fil-A, working out, playing tennis
PBL Memories: Mission trips with the youth group, CFBC, devos and lock-ins
Future plans: Attend Harding University, major in Integrated Marketing Communications



Daniel Lord

High School: Wellington
Activities in School: Wellington Fire Academy
Awards: Completed EMT Class and completing Fire One Class
Hobbies: playing guitar, watching Star Wars, hanging out with family
PBL Memories: Mission trips, youth activities
Future plans: Finish Fire Two Class in the summer, become a Firefighter, and then further education



Sasha Smith

High School: A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Activities in School: Editor of school's newsmagazine (2 years); Event Coordinator for the National English Honor Society; Member of Spanish Honor Society, Communication Honor Society, National Honor Society, and the Film Association
Awards: 2021 FSPA Writer of the Year, 2020 National Student Press Association Story of the Year Finalist, 2020 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Gold Key in Journalism
Future plans: Attend Florida State University

Other High School Graduates:

Christy Stone



Tyler Williams

High School: Wellington
Activities in School: Fire Academy, PBCFR Fire Cadets and Competition, Chorus
Hobbies: all sports, fishing, video gaming
PBL Memories: Being part of an awesome youth group that has grown together through devos, summer camps, mission trips and especially LTC
Future plans: Finish Fire Two Class in the summer, become Firefighter/EMT, then attend paramedic school

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - June, 2021

June 6

June 13

June 20

June 27

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Phil Porter	Paul Metzkes	Eugene Williams	
Scripture Reading	Josiah Blackmer	Lawrence Williams	Tim Cox	Richard Watson	
Presiding at Table	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Victor Colage	Novel Brown	Stephen Beliech	
Serving at Table:	Tim Cox	Jimmie Banks	Ed Buonadonna	Josiah Blackmer	
	Kane Campbell	Lance Collier	Mike Erickson	Mike Damron	
	James Green	Devin Eutsey	Andy Fernandez	Gorman Ericksen	
	Jeff Leslie	Dion Hayes	Errol Gower-Winter	Jeff Goodale	
	Dirk Summerlot	Gary Jenkins	Tim Mahlbacher	Orlando Lolo	
	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Namdidie Ikon	Daniel Lord	John Patrick	
	Daniel Wagner	Vince Rogers	Jim Rogers	Ricky Smith	
	Tyler Williams	Marty Williams	Nahum Villard	Lawrence Williams	
Closing Prayer	Robert Mariano	David Holiday	Tim Fry	Dan Fuller	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Dion Hayes	
Opening Prayer	David Brown	Darin Summerlot	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Bob Higbee	
Scripture Reading	Rick Hall	David Lord	Graysen Hayes	Tyler Williams	
Presiding at Table	Joe Maloney	Johnny Davis	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod	
Serving at Table:	Daniel Lord	Mike Ellis	Trey Higbee	Lance Collier	
	Eugene Williams	Jeff Goodale	Dirk Summerlot	Daniel Wagner	
Closing Prayer	Ken Tipton	Ricky Smith	John Hoelzer	Jerry Hopkins	

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

Morning & Evening Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	June 6 & 9	June 13 & 16	June 20 & 23	June 27 & 30	
<i>Ushers</i>	Lance Collier	Gorman Ericksen	Victor Colage	Jimmie Banks	
	Orlando Lolo	Eugene Williams	Ed Gager	Mike Erickson	
<i>Safety Team</i>	Nahum Villard	Mike Damron	Seth Watson	Namdidie Ikon	

Worship Coordinator - Sunday Morning & Evening Services					
	Mike Ellis				➔

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

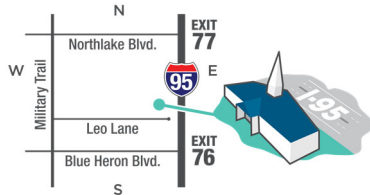
Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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: **Brian Campbell**



Sunday (May 30th)

Dianne Halenda
Jené Williams

Monday (May 31st)

Gary & Angie Seames (Ann.)

Tuesday (June 1st)

Cynthia Ingraham
Melinda Price
Austin Williams

Wednesday (June 2nd)

Ken & Connie Tipton (Ann.)

Thursday (June 3rd)

Sabrina Clayton
Connor Goodale
Jenny Jordan
Daniel Swayne

Saturday (June 5th)

Lance Collier
Haley Hall
Shirley Hopkins

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, May 30

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Novel Brown
Presiding at Table Bill Ingram, Jr.
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Sunday Evening, May 30

Lead Singing Young Men
Opening Prayer Young Men
Scripture Reading Young Men
Presiding at Table Young Men
Serve at Table Young Men
Closing Prayer Young Men

Wednesday Evening, June 2

Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Josiah Blackmer
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Apr. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	190	175
Sun. AM Worship	230	222
Sun. PM Worship	94	111
Wed. Bible Study	112	136
Contribution	\$13,849	\$16,154

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$25,457

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox (Head Usher); Bob Higbee

Safety Team for this week: David Brown