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## New Bible Classes

SEPTEMBER 12 THRU NOVEMBER 17

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

*Genesis (Part 1)*

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

*Fall in Love, Stay in Love  
(Class on Marriage for Anyone)*

David Sproule (Family Room)

*Sr. High: Respectful Attitudes*

Josh Blackmer

*Jr. High: Old Testament Poetry*

Kirk Crews

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

*Helping Wayward Sheep Return Home*

David Sproule (Auditorium)

*Ladies: The Parables of Jesus (Part 2)*

Traci Sproule (Adult 2)

*Sr. High: Paul's Prison Epistles*

Josh Blackmer

*Jr. High: The Life of Moses*

Victor Colage

Let us "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18)!



By Dan Jenkins

## Thou Shall Call His Name

There is no doubt that His given name was Jesus. The angel told Joseph, “You shall call His name Jesus...” (Matt. 1:21). Gabriel said to Mary, “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31). His given name is Jesus. However, this was not the only “name” He was given by God. Look at some of these other “names” and see the significance of each of them.

### Immanuel

Over 700 years before His birth the Holy Spirit gave these words, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). Why was His name Immanuel? The New Testament quotes these words and then defines this “name”: “Which is translated, ‘God with us’” (Matt. 1:23). This name of Jesus defines His deity. He was not only with God in the beginning, but He was God (John 1:1). He truly was God (deity) in the flesh!

### Wonderful Counselor

Read these other words from Isaiah about His name. “For unto us a Child is born...and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6). Four “names” are given here with each of

them being preceded by descriptive words—wonderful, mighty, everlasting and prince.

Is there any doubt that He manifests His wonderful name, His awesomeness, His deity seen in His miracles? Is there any doubt He is the supreme counselor? From Him comes all truth and every aspect of life and godliness (John 16:13; 2 Pet. 1:3).

### Mighty God

The Godhead in the Old Testament is called the Almighty God. Jesus showed His power in overcoming death and the powers of Satan and manifesting Himself as King of all kings. He was God in the flesh—to see Him was to see God (John 14:9).

### Everlasting Father

When one first sees these words, he might think the emphasis is that Jesus is the Father. No, He is the Son of God. Check the marginal reading. He is the “father of the ages.” He is the supreme focus of every period of man’s existence. He is supreme and has existed from eternity to eternity.

### Prince of Peace

He is the source of all true peace. He said, “My peace I give to you” (John 14:27). He gives a peace no mortal can understand. Think on this “name” and all of them. Jesus is God and has every attribute of God and His “names” show this.

God gave His Son  
many “names”  
and each of them  
has profound  
significance



By David Sproule

## God Is Not to Blame

When something bad happens, our natural tendency is to look for someone to blame. Think about children. When something breaks while the children are playing or someone gets hurt or they get caught doing something wrong, they always seem to look for someone else to blame. “Billy did it! Darla made me do it! It wasn’t my fault!” That inclination seems to stay with us, unfortunately, into adulthood.

However, too often, as adults, when something bad happens in people’s lives, they look to blame God. This happens for a variety of reasons: sometimes the pain is unbearable, sometimes there doesn’t seem to be a reasonable explanation for the events, sometimes we listen to what others are saying. Let us take a moment and remember something about our God.

Everything about our God (read that again: E-V-E-R-Y-T-H-I-N-G about our God) is GOOD. That is the essence of His very nature. Throughout the Old Testament it is repeatedly stated, “The LORD is **good**” and “He is **good**.” David said, “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is **good**; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!” (Psa. 34:8). When the rich young ruler came to Jesus and called Him, “**Good** Teacher,” you remember how Jesus responded. “Why do you call Me **good**? No one is **good**

but One, that is, God” (Matt. 19:16-17). Jesus affirmed for us that the very nature of God is goodness.

This is borne out in how God deals with man. The commandments that the Lord gives for us to observe and to follow are “for our **good** always” (Deut. 6:24; cf. 10:12-13). When it comes to His children, our “Father who is in heaven” is ready to “give **good** things to those who ask Him” (Matt. 7:11). For, the reality is, “Every **good** gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning” (Jas. 1:17). The special providence of God for His children ensures that “all things work together for **good**” (Rom. 8:28). The very nature of God is goodness!

So, when bad things happen, let us not blame God, for He is not to blame! Bad things do happen to good people—just ask Job. They happen because “time and chance happen to them all” (Ecc. 9:11). They happen as a result of choices that we make or choices that others make (Deut. 30:19; Prov. 3:31; 12:26). They happen because of the evil, deceptive, conniving nature of the devil (2 Cor. 11:3; John 8:44; Gen. 3:1-4), who is seeking to “devour” us (1 Pet. 5:8). They happen because our world is full of evil people who lie “under the sway of the wicked one” (1 John 5:19).

Our God is good always! Let us give thanks for that!

Everything  
about our God  
is good!



By Josh Blackmer

## What Does the Church Look Like?

At a recent church retreat I was approached by an older lady selling CDs of her folk music. She said she was from Bolivia, and I invited her to stay and be a part of our study that was about to start. She stayed, but she asked a lot of good questions, all of which were directed at finding out what kind of Christians we were. It was important to her that we were not a denomination. I told her that we are just the church of the first century. Here are the characteristics of that church (Acts 2:40-47).

The church is a learning church (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 6:1-3). “They were continually devoting themselves to the apostle’s teaching” (Acts 2:42).

The church is one of fellowship (1 John. 1:7; Eph. 3:8-9; 2 Cor. 8:4). “They were continually devoting themselves to... fellowship” (Acts 2:42).

The church is a group that prays (1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1; Acts 4:23-31). “They were continually devoting themselves to... prayer” (Acts 2:42).

The church is grateful (1 Thess. 5:18; Acts 28:15). “They were continually devoting themselves to... prayer” (Acts 2:42).

**The church isn’t just one among many.**

The church is active (Gal. 5:6; Acts 4:31). “Many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles” (Acts 2:43).

The church is benevolent (Acts 4:34-37; 1 Cor. 16:1; 2 Cor. 8:1). “Those who had believed were together and had all things in common” (Acts 2:44-45).

The church is unified (Acts 15:25; 4:24). “Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple” (Acts 2:46).

The church is a happy group (Rom. 12:12; Phil. 4:4). “They were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart” (Acts 2:46).

The church is a growing church (Acts 16:4-5; 12:24). “And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47).

The church is comprised of only Christians (Matt. 16:18; Acts 11:26).

There are other verses that teach about the characteristics of the church, the bride of Christ. The Bible clearly states that there were certain things that separated the early church from other religious groups. They were not just one of many and everyone was not alright believing whatever they wanted. Those in the first century taught a distinct gospel that described a specific group. We should not be watering it down.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Treasures

The word “treasure” is found 22 times in the New Testament and Jesus spoke nearly 75% of those occurrences. Jesus wanted us to focus on where we place our treasures—in other words, what do we treasure? He specifically instructed to stop laying up for ourselves “treasures on earth” (Matt. 6:19), for one “who lays up treasure for himself...is not rich toward God” (Luke 12:21).

It is so easy, tempting, natural and expected to place our emphasis in this life on our jobs, our homes, our possessions, our relationships, our recreation, etc. In and of themselves, none of these things are inherently wrong; however, when they become our focus of life, rather than seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, we are no longer “rich toward God”!

May God help us to stop and consider—am I more concerned about things of this life than I am about heavenly things and preparing myself for eternity with God? —DS



### How confident are you?

The recipients of the letter to the Hebrews in our New Testament were struggling with doubt—doubting that the choice they had made to follow Christ was the right thing to do. Thus, the writer repeatedly encouraged them to hang on to their “confidence.”

He emphasized “the beginning” of their “confidence” (Heb. 3:14). They were converted to Christ because they were absolutely convinced of the evidence for the deity of Christ and their need to submit to Him. Rather than waver or weaken, that confidence needed to grow and strengthen.

He emphasized “the end” of their confidence. These Christians were charged to “hold fast the confidence... firm to the end” (3:6) and “steadfast to the end” (3:14), with “the full assurance of hope until the end” (6:11), for he told them that “your confidence...has great reward” (10:35).

There may be times in our lives when we struggle with doubt. Let us go back to “the beginning” of our confidence,” strengthen it, hold fast to it, and look forward to the “reward” at the end of it. —DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Joyce Barnhouse</b>	recovering at home from pacemaker replacement surg.
<b>Johnny Davis, Jr.</b>	immunotherapy treatment for kidney cancer
<b>Andy Fernandez</b>	recovering at home
<b>Sue Hoelzer</b>	recovering from wrist surg; upcoming melanoma surg.
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	in St. Mary's Medical Center for testing and observation
<b>Grace Judge</b>	dealing with lung issues again

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Mike Archer</b>	severe pain and weakness
<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Terri Hahn</b>	leukemia
<b>Inell Ingram</b>	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting further treatments
<b>DeMarcus Turner</b>	Linda Coe's son, undergoing medical testing

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

## 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, September 12

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, September 13

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. 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, September 14

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

## Sunday, September 19

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

## Friday-Sunday, September 24-26

- ♦ **Grief Workshop with Ron & Don Williams.** See the Welcome Desk for brochures.

Friday	7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sunday AM	9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday PM	5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

## Saturday, October 2

- ♦ **Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's Door Day.** Use materials in the lobby and invite your nearest neighbors to worship on Sunday.

## Monday, October 4

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. 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 church of Christ Young Adults

### Monday, September 13

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. 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, September 18

- ♦ **Young Adult Bowling** at 4:30 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Friday, October 1

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

### Saturday, October 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Monday, October 4

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



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, September 12

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

### Monday, September 13

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

### Saturday, September 18

- ♦ **Sr. High Hangout & Game Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. Burgers will be provided. Please bring drinks. There will also be a competition with prizes. Please RSVP to Josh.

### Saturday, September 25

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Canoeing** at 8:30 a.m. at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Cost is \$20 per person. Meet at the concession stand. Please bring your own lunch, drinks, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and anything else for the day. Parking is \$6 per vehicle, so please carpool. Sign up in the Lobby by Wednesday, September 22.

# Children's Bible Education & Experience



**Age 3 thru Grade 5**

*Designed to develop and strengthen a living faith in the hearts of our children by walking them into the settings, narratives and truths of the living messages of God's Word!*

Semester #5


**September 12 thru January 26**

## Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes

**September 2021  
thru  
November 2021**

**Cradle Roll**  
**"Jesus Is Born"**  
*Gwen Lyons*

**Toddlers**  
**"Noah"**  
*Misty Hayes*

	King Saul	David: The Young Man	David: The Brave Warrior	David: The King of Israel	David: The Final Years
<b>Session 1</b> <i>Sept. 12 thru Oct. 6</i>	<b>Grades 4-5</b> <i>Stephen Beliech</i>	<b>Ages 3-4</b> <i>Trish Clark</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Casey Bound</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Cara Blackmer</i>
<b>Session 2</b> <i>Oct. 10 thru Nov. 3</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Cara Blackmer</i>	<b>Grades 4-5</b> <i>Stephen Beliech</i>	<b>Ages 3-4</b> <i>Trish Clark</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Casey Bound</i>
<b>Session 3</b> <i>Nov. 7 thru Dec. 1</i>	<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Casey Bound</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Cara Blackmer</i>	<b>Grades 4-5</b> <i>Stephen Beliech</i>	<b>Ages 3-4</b> <i>Trish Clark</i>	
<b>Session 4</b> <i>Dec. 5 thru Dec. 29</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Beth Fry</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Brenda Collier</i>	<b>Grades 4-5</b> <i>Tim Fry</i>	<b>Ages 3-4</b> <i>Mendy Crews</i>
<b>Session 5</b> <i>Jan. 2 thru Jan. 26</i>	<b>Ages 3-4</b> <i>Mendy Crews</i>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b> <i>Beth Fry</i>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Brenda Collier</i>	<b>Grades 4-5</b> <i>Tim Fry</i>

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



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
September 5

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Keith Hutchison; Mr. Ian Lackey; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. Garfield Walks; Mr. David Whipple; and Ms. Staci Young.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Joey & Tammy Treat, Noah & Jack, Dededo, Guam; Ms. Gabriella & Ms. Kimberly Tulgestka, Rogers City, MI; and Mr. Ivan Villard, Sr., Daytona Beach, FL.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

### Sunday (September 12th)

Darin Summerlot

### Tuesday (September 14th)

Josh Blackmer

Taylor Hayes

### Thursday (September 16th)

Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)

Peggy Hall

### Friday (September 17th)

Mike Ellis

Robert Lupo

Lisa Metzkes

### Saturday (September 18th)

Marcia Kelley

Thank You  notes

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank you ever so much for your prayers, cards and thoughts of support and encouragement during my recent recovery period. Knowing the power of prayer and having your support and love has meant more to me than I can express in words. May God continue to bless His family that meets at Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ as we strive to be a blessing for Him and give Him all glory and honor.

With love,

Marcia Kelley

## Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom 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, September 12**

Sermon

Singing ..... Gary Friedly

Opening Prayer ..... Dan Fuller

Scripture Reading ..... David Lord

Singing

Lord's Supper ..... Gary Jenkins

Contribution

Singing

Closing Prayer ..... Dirk Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna      Chuck Reeves, Jr.

Freddie Gadson      Benny Rodgers

E. Gower-Winter      Gary Seames

Brent Leslie      Daniel Swayne

Daniel Lord      Brandon Widner

### **Sunday Evening, September 12**

Sermon

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech

Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Wagner

Singing

Opening Prayer ..... Bob Higbee

Singing

Lord's Supper ..... Paul Metzkes

Contribution

Singing

Closing Prayer ..... Freddie Gadson

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale      Cody Price

### **Wednesday Evening, September 15**

Singing ..... Josh Blackmer

Invitation ..... Kane Campbell

Family Prayer ..... Ivan Villard

## Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 5	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	125	135
Sun. AM Worship	203	193
Sun. PM Worship	93	109
Wed. Bible Study	110	128
Contribution	\$19,626	\$17,729

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$49,899

Service Coordinator:  
Eugene Williams

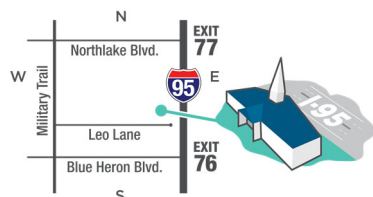
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Andres Fernandez  
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



# 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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## Grief Workshop



**September 24-26**

## What Happens When Your World Crashes In? The Enormous Pain of Grief

by Ron & Don Williams

"Grief is like being in a deep dark pit with no way out," the couple from a grief support class wrote. In asking our class participants to write down

in their own words the meaning of grief, the couple added, "Grief is a feeling of being under a dark veil that you cannot lift. There is a feeling that there is something heavy across your heart and a tight band that is around your head. Grief is total despair. Grief is a feeling of helplessness that seems unbearable."

The above-mentioned definition is a heart-felt meaning of what happens when grief invades a person's or family's life. Grief, from the Latin word, *gravis*, means "heavy." Indeed, if there has ever been an understatement for a word, that has to be one! Grief is one of the most debilitating expressions of emotion that a person can ever imagine. Grief is an all-encompassing emotion that can cause a person to feel as if all of the problems of the world have suddenly been placed upon their back and on their heart!

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines grief as a

*"deep and poignant distress caused by or as if by bereavement."* In our work with people that have dealt with the loss of something or someone precious to them, we have found grief to be an individual experience, generally a painful feeling of sadness that usually follows an actual loss or precedes an anticipated loss.

Please notice the emphasis that we have given to the idea of grief being a loss of **SOME THING** as well as **SOME ONE**! So often we think of grief as being "one-dimensional," while grief is experienced in so many other areas of a person's life besides the death of an individual. While it is true that we normally think of grief when a loved one dies, grief is just as prevalent over the loss of other things as well.

We am looking forward to being with the Palm Beach Lakes congregation for our upcoming Grief Workshop. We want our time together to be as practical and useful as possible to people that are hurting. This workshop will also be for caregivers and "potential" caregivers that will want to learn what to do to help others in this time of need. May God bless all of us as we strive to share "His" love, "His" heart, and become "His" hands of help to all people in any kind of grief situation.