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*Chairman for the Month of September

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Grief Workshop

Friday, September 24

7:00 p.m. What a Person Should Know About Grief & Loss

8:00 p.m. Dealing with the Pain of Grief & Loss

Saturday, September 25

7:00 p.m. Dealing with the Emotions of Grief & Loss

8:00 p.m. How to Continue to Live in Grief & Loss

Sunday, September 26

9:00 a.m. How to Minister to the Hurting

10:00 a.m. What the Bible Says About Grief & Loss

5:00 p.m. What Christians Need to Know About Depression

6:00 p.m. How Can This Congregation Help People in Grief?

September 24-26
w/ Ron & Don Williams



By Dan Jenkins

He Hears Our Prayers AND Groanings

Hear these words of David from the depths of despair: “My soul also is greatly troubled...return O Lord, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies’ sake! I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears” (Psa. 6:3-5). Have you ever been at this same

place? If not, some day you may be. The trials of life come upon us, and we groan and seek for God. At times like this, rest assured that He hears more than our prayers. He hears our groaning.

When Hagar had been sent away from Abraham’s household, she took her son, Ishmael, and fled into the wilderness. It was not long before they ran out of water and were dying of thirst. She was watching her own son as he was dying. Read the text carefully as it describes her prayer for death and deliverance from watching her child die. “Let me not see the death of the boy...And God heard the voice of the lad...and said to her, ‘What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is’” (Gen. 21:16-17). God heard the voice of Hagar and even the voice of Ishmael as death approached.

God heard the groanings of the Jews in Egyptian bondage as their taskmasters oppressed them. “Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage...So God heard

their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob” (Ex. 2:23-24). They cried out and God heard both their groanings and their prayers! Stephen reminded the Jews of the events at the burning bush. God said to Moses, “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt” (Acts 7:34).

It is so comforting to remember that God hears us as we groan

The trials in Egypt began with the oppression of evil men and this brought about the agony and groaning of the slaves in bondage. It was so severe that they first groaned. Then they cried out, and God responded. But note that even before they prayed, God heard the groaning. Before He heard them pray, He heard them groaning.

What does this have to do with us? God is eternal, and He never changes. These verses do not describe how God was. It describes how He is—the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). Remember His name given at this burning bush: He is I AM.

A small child wakes in the middle of the night with pain. He is hurting and begins to sob. He hurts and feels so alone in the darkness. Unknown to him, his mom hears him crying and is rushing to his side, even before he calls out to her. Remember He hears both our groanings and prayers.



By David Sproule

Using the Word “Tithe” in the Way the Bible Uses It

Many religious groups today urge (and some require) members to give their “tithe” to the church. How does the Bible use that word and how does it apply to us?

The word “tithe” literally means “ten, tenth.” We first read about the “tithe” during the Patriarchal Age of the Old Testament (Gen. 14:20; 28:22). Then, in the Mosaic Age, Jews were required to give a “tithe” of the land and livestock (Lev. 27:30-33), plus they made additional offerings (Deut. 14:22-29). So, the Jews gave much more than a tenth, but that was their starting point (Mal. 3:10).

When we come to the Christian Age (i.e., the dispensation under which we live today), there is not a single command for Christians to “tithe” and there is not any example of early Christians “tithing.” Every use of the term in the New Testament was a reference to the practice under Judaism, and we are no longer bound by the Old Testament law (Col. 2:14-17; Heb. 8:8-13; 10:1-11). Some people are surprised to learn that Christians are not told to “tithe,” as they have heard that term used so prevalently in some circles. Other folks are excited to hear that they are not required to give ten percent and will choose to give less than that. However, lest we totally misunderstand the teachings of the New Testament, let us examine what it teaches us.

Some people are surprised to learn that Christians are not told to tithe.

First, consider the contrast that is made in the book of Hebrews between the old covenant (which specified a tithe) and the new covenant (which does not specify a tithe). The epistle describes the new covenant as a “better covenant” (7:22; 8:6), established on “better promises” (8:6) through “better sacrifices” (9:23) and offering a “better hope” (7:19). If the covenant under which we live is a superior covenant with superior blessings (than the old covenant), can we willfully give a percentage that is inferior to the ten percent required under the inferior covenant?

Second, consider the manner in which God speaks about the giving we are privileged to do under the new covenant. We are to give every Sunday (1 Cor. 16:1-2), as we “purpose in our hearts” (2 Cor. 9:7). That heart should give (1) proportionally to how God has blessed him (1 Cor. 16:2; 8:12), (2) bountifully (2 Cor. 9:6), (3) generously (Rom. 12:8), (4) cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7) and (5) happily (Acts 20:35). Paul praised some brethren who, in “their deep poverty,” “abounded in the riches of their liberality” and gave “beyond their ability” (2 Cor. 8:2-3). Why would they do that? Because they realized how much the Lord had blessed them (2 Cor. 8:9; 9:15)!

We are not commanded to “tithe” today, so we should not use that word. But, we have an opportunity to show the Lord “the sincerity of [our] love” by how and how much we give to Him (2 Cor. 8:8).



By Josh Blackmer

Our Spiritual Heritage in Christ

The letter to the church in Ephesus begins with a blessing. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). Chapters one through three highlight some of those spiritual blessings, one of which involves our heritage in Christ. While most of us no longer wake up thinking about being a Gentile trying to interact with a Jewish community, it was a real issue in the early church. A spiritual blessing that we have in Christ is all of that was done away with. That is the theme of chapter two in the Ephesian letter.

When the chapter begins, we are dead (Eph. 2:1-3). We are dead in sin and children of wrath. There is nothing that we can do to change our spiritual state. Then God steps in. The grace of God is highlighted (Eph. 2:4-10). Phrases are used to describe the abundance of God’s conduct toward us: “rich in mercy,” “great love,” and “surpassing riches of His grace.” All of this underscores that God did not just barely pay the debt we owed but went beyond what was needed to redeem us back (Eph. 1:7-8).

That redemption brought us into a new relationship with God and with the Jewish people that were obedient to God through Jesus Christ (Eph 2:11-22). Not only were we

dead before Christ, but we were also separated from God in every way, to the point that we had no hope and were strangers to God (Eph. 2:11-12). Those of us that “formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13). There is a dividing line in a relationship with God. If I’m not near, bought with blood, then I am far away and have no hope. There is no middle ground. What separated us into two classes of people and what separated us from God was taken away (Eph. 2:14-18). From the two God made one people. We were reconciled “both in one body to God through the cross” (Eph. 2:16). Now that we are one, something else has changed.

Do not take lightly the spiritual heritage we have in Christ.

In this new state of being near to God, we have a new spiritual heritage (Eph. 2:19-22). “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household” (Eph. 2:19). We are now brought into the family of God. All of this was built about the teaching of the prophets and the apostles with Christ being the cornerstone that fit everything together. In chapter three, Paul will expound on the fact that the Gentiles being a part of the blessings of God was a mystery that had been hidden but was now being revealed in Christ. It was part of God’s eternal purpose in His great wisdom and love. Do not take lightly the spiritual heritage and inheritance we have in Christ. It is by the grace of God, not of ourselves.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Yield to error just for a moment?

The early church struggled with false teachers who “secretly” tried to bring their doctrines among the brethren and bring faithful Christians “into bondage” to their own laws (Gal. 2:2-4). Paul stated unequivocally, “...to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you” (2:5). The faithful Christians were not willing to yield any ground to these false teachings, not even a little.

Think about where we are today. Think about the doctrines and ideas that surround us. Think about the temptation, perhaps, and even the tendency, among some, to go along with whatever “seems to work” or whatever “seems to be what the people are looking for.” Would that really be that big of a deal? Ask Paul.

Paul’s statement implies that, if they had yielded for a moment, then the truth of the gospel would have been compromised. That’s the big deal! That’s why we must never compromise the truth of God’s Word! – DS



It’s about your love

If one were to make a list of all possible topics that a preacher could discuss and divided that list into “What folks want to hear about” and “What folks don’t want to hear about,” at the very top of the “don’t want to hear about” list would be “money”—and more specifically, a Christian’s responsibility to give to the Lord. However, that topic saturates the pages of the Bible, so how could any responsible preacher avoid talking about it?

If I could help Christians to see just one thing about their giving, it would be Paul’s statement in 2 Corinthians 8:8. Paul emphasized that while giving is a “commandment” of God (cf. 1 Cor. 16:1-2), truly it is a “test” of “the sincerity of your love.” How much do I love God? How much do I love Christ and all that He has done for me? What is one tangible way that God specifies I can express the genuineness and depth of my love? It is through my giving back to Him! May God help my giving to be full of “love” and “cheer” (2 Cor. 8:8; 9:7)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Johnny Davis, Jr.	immunotherapy treatment for kidney cancer
Sue Hoelzer	awaiting results from her lymph node biopsy
Joan Holloway	in Gardens Medical Center undergoing more tests
Melinda Price	having an outpatient procedure on September 24
Amberdenise Puckett	fell and hurt her back
Cherylann Wineinger	dealing with back and neck pain

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting further treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

**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 26

- ♦ **Grief Workshop with Ron & Don Williams.**
 Sunday AM 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday PM 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 28

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

Saturday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 3

- ♦ **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, 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.

Sunday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 16

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids.

Saturday, October 30

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** 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 details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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 Devotion** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Lawrence & Julie Williams. 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.

Tuesday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Casey Bound for details.

Saturday, October 16

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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- ♦ **Deadline for CYC Sign-Up for Grades 8-12.** Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to go. Cost is \$50 per person plus money for meals.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October 2021

October 3 ^(A) October 10 ^(C) October 17 ^(A) October 24 ^(L) October 31 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Dan McLeod	Ivan Villard	Richard Watson	Bob Higbee	Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reader	Gary Jenkins	Michael Ellis	Novel Brown	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jeffery Goodale
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson	Kirk Crews	Victor Colage	Dan McLeod	Jimmie Banks
Serving at Table	David Brown Ed Buonadonna Errol Gower-Winter Brent Leslie Daniel Lord David Lord Darin Summerlot Daniel Swayne Daniel Wagner Brandan Widner	Jimmie Banks Kane Campbell Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Max Fonrose Kameron Heitler Jeff Leslie Joe Maloney Luther Robinson Jim Rogers	Michael Erickson Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Morris McDaniel Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Willie Smith Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Devin Eutsey Andres Fernandez Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Errol Gower-Winter Gary Jenkins Brent Leslie Chuck Reeves, Jr. Brandan Widner	Lance Collier Kirk Crews Gorman Ericksen Max Fonrose Kameron Heitler Joe Maloney Luther Robinson Jim Rogers Ivan Villard Lawrence Williams
Closing Prayer	Bill Ingram, Jr.	James Green	Robert Mariano	Dirk Summerlot	Kane Campbell

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Ken Tipton	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Paul Metzkes	Joe Maloney	Ricky Smith	Darin Summerlot	
Scripture Reader	David Brown	Jerry Pittman	Vincent Rogers	Daniel Lord	
Presiding at Table	Dirk Summerlot	Jeffery Goodale	Tim Fry	Dan Fuller	
Serving at Table	Connor Goodale Cody Price	John Hoelzer Jeremy Maloney	Trey Higbee Willie Smith	Edward Gager Connor Goodale	
Closing Prayer	Eugene Williams	Kane Campbell	Richard Lerro	Daniel Wagner	

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	James Green
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard	Buzz Nelson
Video	Scott Studer	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Seth Watson	Lawrence Williams	Nahum Villard	David Lord	Jerry Pittman
Usher	Andres Fernandez Edward Gager	Lance Collier Marty Williams	Tim Cox Rick Price	Daniel Swayne Eugene Williams	Mike Damron Marty Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Rick Hall (AM) Josh Blackmer (PM)

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

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

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

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Nancy Bodin; Mr. Ryan Bodin; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Miss Brenda Pribyl; Ms. Sherri Richmond; Mr. Joseph Snyder; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, FL; Ms. Ann Graham, Keystone Heights, FL; Ms. Semaj Jackson, Westlake, FL; Mr. Scott Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Kristi Parker, Pohnpei, FSM; and Miss Jenna Slade, Plantation, FL.



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I cannot tell you what a blessing it is to write you this letter. Because of the unwavering faith of my family at Palm Beach Lakes, I am living my dreams.

Every day I wake up and am more excited than the last to get to class and learn more about the Scriptures. You have given me a gift greater than any man can hope for.

And I am humbled beyond words by the trust you have placed in me to become a student of God's Holy Word. It has nothing to do with me and everything to do with your love for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Karns has already put me to work leading singing every Sunday of September. I can't wait to sing with my family in Florida again.

Love, Robert Lupo

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday (September 26th)

Betty Davis
Ophelia Holmes
Gary Jenkins
Vincent Rogers

Wednesday (September 29th)

Angelica Fernandez

Friday (October 1st)

Louise Phillips
Robin Stone

Tuesday (September 28th)

Graysen Hayes

Saturday (October 2nd)

Joel Ramirez

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 26

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Robert Mariano
Scripture Reading Richard Kelley
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Morris McDaniel

Serve at Table:

Stephen Beliech Orlando Lolo
Novel Brown Tim Mahlbacher
Mike Erickson Taylor Reeves
Tim Fry Vincent Rogers
Namddie Ikon Ricky Smith

Sunday Evening, September 26

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Richard Lerro
Singing
Lord's Supper Richard Watson
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tyler Williams

Serve at Table:

Rick Hall Trey Higbee

Wednesday Evening, September 29

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Jeff Goodale
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 19	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	173	135
Sun. AM Worship	246	193
Sun. PM Worship	122	109
Wed. Bible Study	132	128
Contribution	\$17,261	\$17,729

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$51,739

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

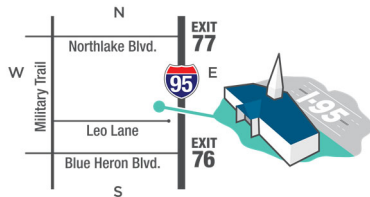
Ushers for this week: Rick Price & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



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: **Tim Fry**

What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

He created you

(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you

(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you

(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you

(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you

(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you

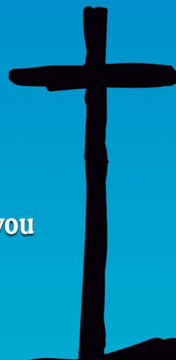
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you

(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven

(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)