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*Welcome New Members*



**Richmond, Sherri**

Group 2

*Identified September 26*



**Allen, Linda**

Group 3

*Identified September 26*



**Wall, Jonathan**

Group 2

*Baptized September 25*

**Grief Workshop w/ Ron & Don Williams**

*It keeps going...  
on our website!*

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





By Dan Jenkins

## The Certainty and Uncertainty of Death

Consider these words of Paul describing the one enemy we all face and who seemingly is winning the battle in which we are engaged. “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death” (1 Cor. 15:56). It is a common enemy for every person who has been born on this earth for “it is appointed unto man to die” (Heb. 9:27). Knowing more about death helps us deal with it. Think of some deaths in the Bible.

- Who died because his brother killed him?
- Who died and was eaten by worms?
- Who died the same day he planned to build a new barn?
- Who died by suicide after losing his “paycheck?”
- Who died because he touched the ark?
- Who died but was not buried for 400 years?
- Who died just after seeing Jesus in heaven?
- Who died in perfect health at the age of 120?
- Who died when she was 12 years old?
- Who died when the roof fell on him?
- Who died with a tent peg in his head?
- Who died immediately after telling a lie (2)?

**“And he died” is found 72 times in the Bible. These words will also be said of you.**

- Who died by being hanged on his own gallows?
- Who never died (2)?

So how did you do? The answers are: Abel, Herod, Foolish farmer, Judas, Uzzah, Joseph, Stephen, Moses, Jairus’ daughter, Samson, Sisera, Ananias and Sapphira, Haman, Enoch and Elijah.

Very few of the individuals listed above knew the circumstances under which they would die. Very few knew the time of their death. This is the nature of death. We all know that we are appointed to die and after that comes the judgment. Because we do not know when or how we will die, all that matters is that we prepare for it.

Thanks be to God that He, in His wisdom, has given us an understanding that no one in the Old Testament had. It is in the New Testament where immortality is revealed and brought openly into the light (2 Tim. 1:10). Those saints of old were bound by the fear of death, but the resurrection of Jesus has removed this fear from us (Heb. 2:14-15). The open tomb of Jesus assures us of our own resurrection, and we can pray with greater understanding the prayer Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit” (Acts 7:59).

When you think about death and the grave remember that God who raised Jesus from the dead raises us!



By David Sproule

## Using the Word “Pastor” in the Way the Bible Uses It

It is very common in religious circles to refer to certain men as “pastors.” Denominational groups usually have someone known as “the pastor of the church.” Recent news articles talk about what some “youth pastor” did. Some religious schools have a spiritual guidance counselor on campus and they might refer to that person as “Pastor” so-and-so.

So what is a “pastor”? If we rely on modern usage of the term, various dictionaries define “pastor” as “a minister in charge of a Christian church or congregation” or “the leader of a Christian congregation.” Note carefully the understanding of that term today: the pastor is “the leader” (definite article) of the church and is “in charge” of the congregation. But how does the Bible use that word?

The Greek word for “pastor” is *poimen*. The term is found frequently in the New Testament and is only once translated “pastors” (Eph. 4:11). Every other occurrence of the word is translated “shepherd.” By definition of the Biblical word, a pastor is a shepherd. Now, who does the Bible identify as the pastors or the shepherds of the church?

The verb form of the word for “pastor” is *poimaino*, and that word is used in two key instances in the New Testament to identify who a pastor is. Look at Acts 20:28 and First

Peter 5:2 carefully. Both passages identify the WORK that is to be taken by certain men—they are to “shepherd the flock of God.” Both passages identify the POSITION of these men—they are “overseers.” Both passages are addressed to “elders” (Acts 20:17; 1 Pet. 5:1). What does that indicate?

In God’s organizational structure for His church, He designed the church to have no human authority or organization above the local congregation. Each local congregation is to be overseen by a plurality (always a plurality!) of qualified men (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9), called elders/presbyters (same Greek word), overseers/bishops (same Greek word) or pastors/shepherds (same Greek word). The plural emphasizes that no one man can exercise oversight over a congregation—there must be more than one elder/overseer/pastor in each congregation. Thus, the oversight and authority within a congregation is not in “an elder” (or “pastor”) but in the “eldership.” No elder (or pastor) is above another.

The preacher is not by definition, then, a “pastor.” He is not “the leader” “in charge” of the church. He is one of the members (sheep) of the congregation and is subject to the eldership (like all members, including the elders). He is not on a level “above” anyone else or to be “revered” as such (cf. Ps. 111:9); thus, there is no special title (ex: Pastor, Reverend, Father) for him to wear or to be called (Matt. 23:5-12).

**Who does the Bible identify as the pastors of the church?**



By Josh Blackmer

## New Life in Christ

What does it look like to be a Christian? Do I have to have special bumper stickers that go next to my kid's honor roll announcement and my political affiliation sticker? How do I stand out from the sea of others that make claims of spirituality and general goodness? Before we get into what we look like, we must understand that a new life doesn't happen until after baptism. "So that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). After that act a new life is required.

Thankfully, the Bible does not leave us without information on this subject. The latter half of the fourth chapter of Ephesians provides distinct direction for us. It first reminds us of what the new life isn't (Eph. 4:17-19). The old life was one that was characterized with ignorance and a hard heart. Such a one has "given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness" (Eph. 4:19).

Those that are in a new life "did not learn Christ in this way" (Eph. 4:20). Those that have "heard Him and have been taught by Him" recognize the difference between old and new (Eph 4:21). We must understand "that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is

being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth" (Eph. 4:22-24). This type of recognition of old verses now requires that changes be made. No more lying (Eph. 4:25). Do not sin in anger (Eph. 4:26-27). Do not steal. On the contrary, work so that you will be able to provide and help others (Eph. 4:28). Do not sin in speech, but rather be known for saying things that edify (Eph. 4:29). Put away all forms of anger (Eph. 4:31). In turn, "be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).

**If people can see a difference in you, great!**

These kinds of changes should ring out as a difference from our former manner of conduct. Those that knew us should be "surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you" (1 Pet. 4:4). This type of life is one that is notably differentiated as light to darkness and salted to unpreserved (Matt. 5:13-16). Now let's answer the question, "What does it look like to be a Christian?" The most obvious answer is we look like Christ. The daily "how to" of that equation is a change of conduct, speech, thinking, and general concern for the well-being of others. If people can see a difference in you, great! If they can't see a difference in you from the sea of people around you, then something needs to change.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### We've been trying to reach you about your extended warranty

The robocalls are persistent. They come nearly every day and usually multiple times per day. "We have been trying to reach you about your car's extended warranty." It seems like these people are more concerned about our cars than we are. Of course, it's all a scam.

But, their efforts certainly provoke a thought. Is it possible that God has been trying to reach you about your soul's extended warranty? I'm not talking about some direct operation of the Holy Spirit. I'm talking about how God created a massive, beautiful universe for you. He sent His Son to die on the cross to draw all mankind to Himself. He gave the Bible to appeal to and guide the masses to Him. Yes, it certainly sounds like God has been trying to reach you about your soul's extended warranty! He does not want you to be unprotected!

So, by all means, don't hang up on Him! Pick up the book and listen! – DS



### Which bird's feathers are you wearing?

If you ask some teenagers why they are friends with certain people or ask a young couple why they are dating each other, you may get an answer that says something like, "We have so much in common!" And, isn't that true? We aren't usually friends with or hang around people with whom we don't share much in common. After all, "Birds of a feather flock together."

However, unfortunately, the reality is that sometimes we do hang out with people we shouldn't. We may think that is innocent and "no big deal," but the Bible teaches differently. Paul asked some rhetorical questions to get us thinking: "What fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?" (2 Cor. 6:14-16). The answer to all of these questions is: "None!"

Let us be extremely careful with whom we "yoke" ourselves (6:14), for our "company" can easily negatively influence our "habits" (1 Cor. 15:33). – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mary Brown</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Johnny Davis, Jr.</b>	starting a more potent treatment for kidney cancer
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Sue Hoelzer</b>	awaiting results from her lymph node biopsy
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	in Gardens Medical Center undergoing more tests
<b>Melinda Price</b>	recovering from outpatient surgery
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	dealing with an infection in her knee
<b>Tina Wagner</b>	having a biopsy on October 1

## 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>Joe Deem</b>	Allison Roman's father, moved to a nursing home
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
<b>David Porter</b>	Phil Porter's father, hospitalized with chest pain
<b>David Sproule, Sr.</b>	David Sproule's father, shoulder surgery (10/6)
<b>Betty Story</b>	Glen Dawson's sister, recovering from a stroke
<b>Ann Teague</b>	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, 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

- ◆ **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, October 5

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

## 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 & Sr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/EXNVriS>.

## 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.

## Wednesday, November 3

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

## Thursday-Sunday, November 4-7

- ◆ **25th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is "He Who Promised Is Faithful." See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

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

## 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. RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/EXNVriS>.

## Tuesday, November 2

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

## Saturday, November 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brandon Widner. See Ivan Villard for details.



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

## 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.

## 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 & Sr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High & Sr. High should arrive at 4:00 p.m. to help set up. Wear your costume! RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/EXNVriS>. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.
- ◆ **Deadline for CYC Sign-Up for Grades 8-12.** Sign up on the bulletin board. Cost is \$50 per person plus money for meals.

## Sunday, October 24

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship



IN MY  
RELATIONSHIP

WITH

MY NEIGHBOR

OCTOBER

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
September 26

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Charles Berrien; Ms. Lucille Black; Mr. & Mrs. James & Wynona Bowman; Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Gloria Denson; Ms. Mildred Edwards; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller; Ms. Linda Hoskin; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; Mr. Garfield Walks; Mrs. Alicia Washington; Mr. Bobby Washington; Mrs. Carrie Washington; Mrs. Margaret Williams; and Miss Ashlyn Zubriski.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Mrs. Barbara Weetman.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*



We would like to send all of our brothers and sisters, elders, deacons and preachers a big thank you for all your prayers for our family, especially for Andres during his sickness. He is very appreciative for all the prayers. "It was all in God's hand."

The Fernandez & Commander Families

Sunday (October 3rd)

Chuck Clark  
Kathy Nelson

Friday (October 8th)

Donna Erickson  
Norma Mariano  
Bessie Walker  
Betty White

Tuesday (October 5th)

Rosa Nash

Saturday (October 9th)

Lawrence Williams

Thursday (October 7th)

Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton (Ann.)

**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, October 3**

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan McLeod  
Scripture Reading ..... Gary Jenkins  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Freddie Gadson  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Bill Ingram, Jr.

Serve at Table:

David Brown	David Lord
Ed Buonadonna	Darin Summerlot
E. Gower-Winter	Daniel Swayne
Brent Leslie	Daniel Wagner
Daniel Lord	Brandan Widner

**Sunday Evening, October 3**

Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Dirk Summerlot  
Contribution  
Singing  
Scripture Reading ..... David Brown  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale    Cody Price

**Wednesday Evening, October 6**

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... Phil Porter  
Family Prayer ..... Willie Smith

**Our Record**

Attendance	Sep. 26	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	187	135
Sun. AM Worship	220	193
Sun. PM Worship	152	109
Wed. Bible Study	128	128
Contribution	\$14,957	\$17,729

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$51,752

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

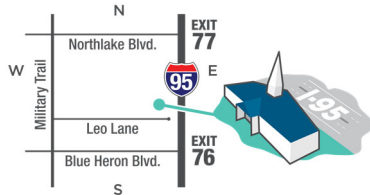
Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Edward Gager  
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



# 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.

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25<sup>th</sup> Annual South Florida Lectureship

# He Who Promised IS FAITHFUL

## November 4-7, 2021

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