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# He Who Promised IS FAITHFUL



What a Great  
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By Dan Jenkins

## Living Without Partiality

We sing the words, “O to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer...” but we all struggle to be godly, to be like God. One attribute of God is that He treats all men alike, there is no partiality in Him. Absolutely no partiality!

Read these words from both testaments that proclaim His impartiality. “For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality” (Deut. 10:17). “For there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, no partiality” (2 Chron. 19:7). “Then Peter opened his mouth and said, ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality’” (Acts 10:34). “For there is no partiality with God” (Rom. 2:11).

James describes the real-life situation where the early church struggled to be like God. He described what can so easily happen when two distinctly separate individuals came to worship. One entered wearing a gold ring and fine clothing. The other was wearing shabby clothes. How did the church respond? They told the first to sit in the good place, and then told the second one to “...stand over there or sit down at my feet” (Jas. 2:2-3).

James then reminded his brethren the truth by asking a pointed question. “Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which

He has promised to those who love Him” (Jas. 2:5)? His conclusion? “If you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors” (Jas. 2:9).

Hear these words from the Holy Spirit of God. “But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality” (Col. 3:25). Paul called the Father, the Lord, and the elect angels as witnesses to encourage Christians “...to observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality” (1 Tim. 5:21). Peter urged those who receive his epistle to live as pilgrims and sojourners and call upon God “...who without partiality judges according to each one’s works” (1 Pet. 1:17).

Think of how these words apply to evangelism and the growth of the kingdom. Our world honors those who are educated, who have careers, who are “nice” people. If we focus on these as we seek to reach out to the lost, we are not being like that blessed Redeemer we sing about. Jesus chose “uneducated and ignorant and untrained men” (Acts 4:13), common laborers who made their living by fishing, a despised tax collector, and one who was a terrorist, a Zealot (Acts 1:13); and they were the foundation on which the church was built. As we seek to take the gospel to the lost world, do we show partiality? Christ does not just invite “nice” people to come to Him but those whose lives are filled with trouble (Matt. 11:28). Think about this!

**Christ does not just invite “nice” people to come to Him...Think about this!**



By David Sproule

## As Much As Depends on You

How much does the unity of the church depend on you? Some folks may think, “Not much,” but they would be mistaken. The unity of “the whole body” of Christ depends upon “every part” of that body (Eph. 4:16). United, the body of Christ can do great things for Him. Think about

your human body and how, when every part is united, you can do great things, but when even one part is not “working” as it should, the “whole” body is affected.

The same is true for the body (i.e., the church) of Christ. It is essential for each part to “work” and to “do its share” (4:16). But, before we even engage in work, there are some attitudes that we must possess. If any part of the body (that includes me and that includes you) does not possess each of these attitudes, the unity of the body is in peril. The Lord calls each of us to “walk worthy of the calling with which you were called” (Eph. 4:1), and then He discloses essential attitudes that we must have toward ourselves and others for the “one body” to grow and function as it should.

A worthy walk before the Lord involves “**all lowliness**” (4:2). Humility is essential for unity. This “lowliness of mind” involves esteeming ourselves as small and others as “better” than self (Phil. 2:3). What a challenge!

A worthy walk before the Lord involves “**gentleness**” (4:2). Gentleness is essential for unity. This attitude of meekness expresses itself in a submissive gentleness “to all men” (Tit. 3:2), especially when maltreatment may provoke a heart of malice or a desire for revenge. Challenging!

A worthy walk before the Lord involves “**longsuffering**” (4:2). Patience is essential for unity. Rather than being short-fused, we must, “with joy” (Col. 1:11), be long in coming to anger, as the Lord is with us (2 Pet. 3:15). What a challenge!

A worthy walk before the Lord involves “**bearing with one another in love**” (4:2). Self-restraint is essential for unity. The idea here is of holding one’s self back, especially when provoked, and extending gracious patience until the vexing episode is past, for that is what agape love does (1 Cor. 13:5-7). What a challenge!

A worthy walk before the Lord involves these four attitudes which lead to “**endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace**” (4:3). Diligence is essential for unity. It will not happen by accident. We must make every effort, “as much as depends on” each of us (Rom. 12:18), to “pursue peace” (Heb. 12:14) and maintain unity among ourselves. What a challenge!

Yes, the unity of the church depends on you!

**If any part does not possess each of these attitudes, then unity is in peril**



By Josh Blackmer

## I Have Become Comfortably Numb

The song “Comfortably Numb” by the English band Pink Floyd was released in 1980 as a single with “Hey You” as the B Side. Roger Waters, the bassist for Pink Floyd, wrote the lyrics to the song in which he describes an event that took place at a concert in Philadelphia in 1977. He had a horrific stomachache due to nerves. A doctor gave him tranquilizers before the show to ease the pain. He said it was the longest two hours of his life because everything was slowed down and he could barely move his arms. The pain was numbed, but there was a disconnect from himself and the crowd. They continued to enjoy the show unaware of the situation on the stage. Waters was numbed to his emotions of playing before a large crowd, and the audience had been conditioned to like what they thought they heard.

In a similar fashion, there can be a numbing of our own emotion or awareness. Have you considered the dangers of comfort? We, as humans, are creatures that by nature seek comfort—in our clothing, homes, jobs, cars, and the list goes on. Comfort plays a role in everything we do. We avoid anything that would unhinge us from the comfort that we worked so hard to achieve. We scurry away from moments, events, or conversations that might be uncomfortable. We mark as a rare breed those that would live or talk outside the comfortable

norms that we have established. We nestle into the solace of comfort and with great difficulty are we roosted from the path of greatest comfort. We have not so learned Christ (Eph. 4:20).

Our Lord was anything but comfortable. He had the uncomfortable conversations and teachings that others didn’t want to have (John 4; Matt. 5-7). He sought out those that were most uncomfortable to be around (Matt. 9:11-13). A great deal of His messages were to roust men from the comfortable error they had made for themselves (Matt. 23).

**We have been seduced into numbness by comfort.**

We can see from the work and lives of the apostles, disciples and early saints that life was not about the comforts. Paul listed his many trials as a servant for the message of the cross—how many of us would have endured such a list (2 Cor. 11:16-33)? We are called to a life of self-denial as His servants (Matt. 16:24). When Paul wrote to Timothy, he used three examples of what it means to serve Christ (2 Tim. 2:1-7)—the soldier, athlete, and farmer—none of which can survive, compete, or labor effectively in a comfortable environment. If we are not doing things we know we should because it’s too hard, too early, too awkward, or too much time, then we are too comfortable. We have been seduced into numbness by comfort. We are no longer pained by the lost world around us. We go on enjoying life unaware of the dangers to which we have become comfortably numb. Consider your comfort.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Please stop! Everything is not about race!

The very word “black” and the word “white” are now words that trigger reactions (negative reactions) in the minds of so many—even when those words are not even being used of people. Recently individuals have been offended by “black” and “white” chess pieces and “black” and “white” checkered patterns on the chessboard. Some people react when they hear that something is written in “black and white” or about the old days of watching “black and white” TV.

There is no PERSON on this earth who is “black” and no PERSON is “white.” One’s skin color may be darker than another, but that does not make the PERSON “black.” One’s skin color may be lighter than another, but that does not make the PERSON “white.”

EVERY PERSON is the SAME color! Except they are not a color at all! EVERY PERSON is COLORLESS! The “spirit” of a person is the actual person! The “body” (with its pigment-varied “flesh” tones, Luke 24:39) is not the person, but an abode for the spirit/person (Jas. 2:26)! How shallow to focus on (or be triggered by) the color of the house that someone is living in!  
– DS



### The least of all the saints

When you consider the Christians you have known, who would you say was “the least”? Would you say it was the guy who couldn’t (or wouldn’t) beat his addiction to alcohol? Would you say it was the lady who always smelled like she hadn’t had a bath in weeks? Would you say it was the man who came for a while, fell away, came back, fell away again, and came back again but was lukewarm at best and was never really involved?

Whoever you would identify as “the least of all the saints,” how would you compare yourself to that person? It would be hard to not think of them as being “lower” than you. Notice how “the great apostle Paul” (as we call him) identified himself—“To me, who am less than the least of all the saints” (Eph. 3:8). Paul did not even put himself on the same level as “the least.” He said he was “less than the least of all the saints.”

Question: Do we have that kind of humility? If not, why not? What are we doing to humble ourselves? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mary Brown</b>	awaiting treatment options
<b>Novel Brown</b>	undergoing tests on his swollen foot, ankle and knee
<b>Johnny Davis, Jr.</b>	undergoing a chemo treatment for kidney cancer
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	awaiting more test results
<b>Eva Fulton</b>	now recovering at home
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	in Waterford Rehab
<b>Cynthia Ingraham</b>	being tested for kidney and breast issues
<b>Rosa Nash</b>	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
<b>Henry Williams</b>	dialysis treatments, recovering from procedure on arm

## 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
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues



**Eva Fulton, upon the passing of her sister, Norma Pratt, on Saturday, November 6.**

**Bree Solis, upon the passing of her biological father, Roy Solis, on November 8.**

## 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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from hernia surg.
<b>James Mahlbacher</b>	Tim Mahlbacher's father, multiple health issues
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
<b>Laura Schubert</b>	Nick Pietro's sister, treatments for breast cancer
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting surg. on lung cancer

**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, November 14

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Monday, November 15

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

## Tuesday, November 16

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

## Sunday, November 21

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

## Wednesday, November 24

- ◆ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

## Thursday, December 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring food. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Friday, December 31

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite games to play and some personal snacks for you and your family. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

## Sunday, January 2

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. Let's start the new year together!

## Sunday, January 9

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

## Sunday, January 23

- ◆ **Baby Shower for Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at BuyBuyBaby and Babylist.com. *It's a girl!*

## Sunday, January 30

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!
- ◆ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m.

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

## Thursday, December 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Friday, December 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Friday, December 31

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

## Sunday, November 14

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch. Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return around 4:00 p.m.

## Thursday, December 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Saturday, December 4

- ◆ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be food, crafts and games. Please RSVP and sign up to bring food: <https://signup.com/go/udmrMJI>. See Ivan or Amber Villard for details.

## Saturday, December 11

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee.



IN MY  
RELATIONSHIP

WITH

MY GOD

NOVEMBER

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
November 7

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** This Week

Sunday (November 14th)  
Carolyn Preston

Thursday (November 18th)  
Diane Leslie  
Natalie Reeves

Monday (November 15th)  
Lovella Rogers  
Alexis Smith

Friday (November 19th)  
Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)  
David Thorpe

Tuesday (November 16th)  
Katie Goodale

Saturday (November 20th)  
Freddie Gadson  
Matthew Jones  
Leonard Williams

Wednesday (November 17th)  
Kelly Sproule



We rejoice with **Markell Crawford** who was baptized on Monday, November 8.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Lucille Black; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. David Caudill; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller; Miss Keyana Gardner; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Todd Juckett; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. Arpit Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Allison Snyder; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; Ms. Duncan Talbert; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Danny & Jessica Boggs, Neosho, MO; Mr. Rick Brumback, Henderson, TN; Ms. Jo Ann Campbell, The Villages, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Ms. Barbara Harris, Zanesville, OH; Mr. Ellen Horgan, Burke, VA; Mr. Scott Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mrs. Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz-O'Connor & Joselyn, Hialeah Gardens, FL; Mr. Nathan Ramer, Sebring, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Andy & Marsha Robison, Wheeling, WV; Mr. & Mrs. Billy & Joan Smith, Henderson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy & June Smith, Sebring, FL; and Mr. Jerry Western, White Bluff, TN.

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You all are amazing! Over the last few weeks, your love and support has been truly felt by each of us! Thank you so much for all of your prayers and acts of kindness, love, and concern for me and Rick, Cody, and Taylor during my surgery and recovery. We are blessed beyond measure to be a part of this family. We love you so much and thank God for you!  
Melinda Price

**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, November 14**

Singing.....Dion Hayes  
Lord's Supper .....Dirk Summerlot  
Singing  
Opening Prayer .....Paul Metzkes  
Scripture Reading..... Bob Higbee  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer .....David Holaday  
  
Serve at Table:  
Andy Anderson Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Ed Buonadonna Chuck Reeves  
Freddie Gadson Benny Rodgers  
Edward Gager Daniel Swayne  
E. Gower-Winter Brandan Widner

**Sunday Evening, November 14**

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Lord's Supper ..... David Lord  
Singing  
Opening Prayer ..... Gary Jenkins  
Scripture Reading..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer .....Daniel Lord  
  
Serve at Table:  
Connor Goodale Cody Price

**Wednesday Evening, November 17**

Singing.....Jimmie Banks  
Invitation..... Freddie Gadson  
Family Prayer ..... John Hoelzer

Our Record		
Attendance	Nov. 7	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	NA	166
Sun. AM Worship	279	232
Sun. PM Worship	97	111
Wed. Bible Study	137	148
Contribution	\$16,991	\$16,173
2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$59,945		

Service Coordinator:  
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Devin Eutsey & Andres Fernandez  
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



# 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: Darin Summerlot, Dirk Summerlot, Edward Gager & Andy Anderson

## New Bible Classes (Nov. 21 – Jan. 26)

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

Genesis (Part 2)	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
New Testament Lessons from Old Testament Characters	Kirk Crews (Adult 1)
Young Adults: The Work of the Holy Spirit	David Sproule (Adult 3)
Jr. High & Sr. High: How to Study with a Friend	

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

Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)
One-on-One Encounters with Jesus	David Sproule (Adult 1)
Ladies: Fear	Judie Jenkins (Adult 2)
Jr. High & Sr. High: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus	