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Welcome New Members



Courts-Buonadonna, Layla

Group 2

Baptized October 24



Crawford, Markell

Group 1

Baptized November 8

Which Class Are YOU Attending?

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Genesis (Part 2)

New Testament Lessons from Old Testament Characters

Young Adults: The Work of the Holy Spirit

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong

One-on-One Encounters with Jesus

Ladies: Peace Perfect Peace



By Dan Jenkins

The Importance of Final Words

I am not sure the reason, but it seems that most of us remember the last words spoken to us by those who are deceased. Those words sometimes reflect the last thoughts of those who are dying and the final message they give to us. Consider these last words of the saints of God.

The last words of Jacob were, "Bury me with my fathers in the cave...which Abraham bought" (Gen. 49:29, 30). Joseph's final words? "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here" (Gen. 50:25). At the end of the life of Joshua, he urged Israel to choose what he had chosen for himself and his household. The people then said, "We will serve the Lord." Joshua took a large stone, placing it under an oak tree and said, "The stone...has heard all the words...it shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God" (Josh. 24:15-27). Those were the last words Israel heard from him.

The last words of Jesus before He died are well known. "Father into your hands, I commit My spirit" (Luke 23:46). These words, first spoken by David (Psa. 31:5) in the midst of his trials, were so much in the heart of Jesus that they comforted Him as He died.

Stephen was the first Christian martyr, and he fully

understood the principle of what would Jesus do. As he was being stoned, he visually knew Jesus awaited him in heaven. He said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then as he died, he said, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin" (Acts 7:59-60).

What final message would you like to give to your family? Because they may not be able to hear you speak these words, I have known many Christians who have written a final message to be read by their loved ones after they die. Some have even left video messages for those who remain.

Those Old Testament saints spoke words to remind those still on the earth that God still reigned. Jacob and Joseph gave instructions that were tied to the fact that God was in their lives. Joshua left a large stone as a visual reminder that would be there many years to remind the Jews of the vows they had made to God.

Those who heard the final words of Jesus and Stephen could never forget those words about what death really was like. Death is that time when our souls depart from this body and are received into the hands of God. What a blessing death is when viewed in this way. What a blessing it is to think that Jesus showed Stephen this truth. Of greater significance, what a blessing that He has showed us.

Your final words? They may not be nearly as important as the final message you leave by the way you lived.

**Have you ever
thought about
the final message
you would leave
as you die?**



By David Sproule

Blind Leaders of the Blind

Sometimes those who are followers do not realize that they are blind. They truly and honestly believe that those who are leading them and teaching them are solid, knowledgeable, trustworthy persons. For a variety of reasons, followers often follow without verifying what they are being told.

Sometimes that's just easier. But, when it comes to our eternal salvation, do we want to put our trust in a man or in the God of heaven?

In Matthew 15, Jesus had one of His many encounters with the Pharisees—a Jewish sect who were revered for their (supposed) knowledge of and strict adherence to the Law of God. The Pharisees were the largest Jewish sect of Jesus' day, with many followers. However, what the Pharisees adhered themselves to was their own traditions, not the Law of God. (Read the parallel verses in Mark 7:1-4.) Jesus called them, "Blind leaders of the blind."

They were "blind leaders of the blind" because they would "break the commandment of God for the sake of [their] tradition" (15:3). Any group today who is more focused on their manmade traditions and doctrines than they are on carefully following the doctrine of Christ fall in this same category.

They were "blind leaders of the blind" because they

changed the nature, focus and basis of "worship" of God (15:7-9). First of all, the focus of the worship was more on the outward than on the inward. "Their heart" was "far from" God, even though they looked, on the outside, like they were honoring Him. Second, the basis of their worship was "teaching as doctrines the commandments of men," which made their worship "vain." True worship is "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). When either or both of these elements is absent or misrepresented, the worship is not acceptable to God.

They were "blind leaders of the blind" because they "were offended" at the teaching of Jesus and His truth, rather than being convicted by it (15:12). When individuals are not concerned with "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), but only focus on their own wishes and traditions, they will be offended when Jesus' truth is taught to them.

Look carefully at what Jesus said about those who are blind leaders and those who are their followers. "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted," and "both will fall into a ditch" (15:13-14). Many denominations, human doctrines and manmade practices have been "planted," which are "not according to Christ" (Col. 2:8). They may "seem right," but their "end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12). May God help us to not be a blind leader or a blind follower! Let us open our eyes to His one truth!

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By Josh Blackmer

Doctrine, It Means Something

Why do so many people have different teachings concerning the Bible? Not just in the areas of opinion but often many groups have different teachings that are directly at odds of one another. One might read a passage and say that God's authoritative word teaches their doctrine. Another might read the same passage and say that it teaches their doctrine that contradicts the aforementioned group. If anything, this highlights the need to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12). We should not surrender our judgement and reasoning to others. It also should give us pause to think about the nature of doctrine.

The New Testament talks about two types of doctrines. There is doctrine that is deceitful or different. "As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming" (Eph. 4:14). There is doctrine that is different. "If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction be-

tween men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain" (1 Tim. 6:3-5). These are doctrines or teachings that are contrary to what has been taught. If the Bible mentions that such doctrines existed, then we must understand that there is a doctrine that we should teach.

The second form of doctrine is sound doctrine. Literally translated it means healthy teaching. We are commanded to "speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine" (Tit. 2:1). Also, "holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict" (Tit. 1:9). It is plain to see that doctrine matters and one can't teach anything they want. It also means that the Bible was written to teach something specific.

So why are there so many doctrines? Paul told Timothy this was the reason: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths" (2 Tim. 4:3-4). We need to make sure that we are "constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following" (1 Tim. 4:6b).

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nourished on
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and sound
doctrine."**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"In whom I am well pleased"

When Jesus knew the will of God, He took it upon Himself to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). He did not reject His need to be baptized; He submitted to it in order to obey the will of God. Immediately, "a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased'" (Matt. 3:17). Later, as Jesus was contemplating "His decease" (Luke 9:31), again He was determined to fulfill the will of God. He did not reject His need to be put to death for mankind; He submitted to it in order to obey the will of God. Immediately, "a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!'" (Matt. 17:5).

The audible voice of God no longer booms from heaven, but are there any words that we would rather hear in eternity than, "This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased"? Let us make it the focus of our lives to obey the will of God and be well-pleasing to God here, so that we can hear those words over there! – DS



"The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it"

When Jesus promised that He would "build My church" (an immutable guarantee of the establishment of a single church within the lifetime of His disciples [Mark 9:1] that would belong to Christ), He also promised that "the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). There is an interesting parallel that Jesus' promise has to the prophecy of Daniel, in which was stated that the Lord's kingdom "shall never be destroyed" (Dan. 2:44). The gates of death or the power of death would certainly never wipe the church from the face of the earth.

However, the words of Jesus seem to point more toward Himself and His own death. After making this promise, Jesus began to speak of His crucifixion and tied that to His coming kingdom (Matt. 16:21-28). The "pains of death" and the gates of "Hades" could not hold the Son of God (Acts 2:24-31). He would be raised and His church would be established, and there was NOTHING that the devil could do about it! Jesus said, "I will build My church/kingdom now, and I will keep it alive, and there is no one who can overpower it!" What a thought! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Brown	surgery on Dec. 6 to remove nodule from right lung
Novel Brown	doing some better with his knee
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing a chemo treatment for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	awaiting more test results
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from a procedure
Joan Holloway	in Waterford Rehab, visitors welcome
Cynthia Ingraham	being tested for kidney and breast issues
Owen Miley	Gardens Medical Center, undergoing tests
Rosa Nash	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
Peggy Simpkins	diagnosed with rare cancer, awaiting treatment options
Henry Williams	undergoing dialysis treatments

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
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

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

James Mahlbacher	Tim Mahlbacher's father, multiple health issues
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, having a procedure on Dec. 2
Laura Schubert	Nick Pietro's sister, treatments for breast cancer
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting surg. on breast 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

Monday, November 29

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume in January.

Tuesday, November 30

- ♦ **No Tues. Morning Bible Study.** Will resume in January.

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.

Tuesday, December 7

- ♦ **Year-End Get Together at Dan & Judie Jenkins' home** at 10:45 a.m. for anyone who has ever attended the Monday Night or Tuesday Morning Class. See Dan for more details.

Sunday, December 19

- ♦ **Guest Speaker, Robert Lupo** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for a special Bible class.

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.

Friday, January 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. ALL PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring desserts.

Sunday, January 23

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. *It's a girl!*

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

- ♦ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 8

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

Friday, January 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. ALL PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

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.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - December 2021

December 5^(C)

December 12^(L)

December 19^(A)

December 26^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer	Dan Fuller	Jeff Leslie	Robert Mariano	Dan McLeod
Scripture Reader	Bill Ingram, Jr.	James Green	Ricky Smith	Andres Fernandez
Presiding at Table	David Lord	Jimmie Banks	Richard Watson	Paul Metzkes
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Devin Eutsey Errol Gower-Winter Gary Jenkins Daniel Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Gary Seames Darin Summerlot Brandan Widner	Lance Collier Kirk Crews Gorman Ericksen Michael Erickson Max Fonrose Jeffery Goodale Hunter Hinton Joe Maloney Luther Robinson Jim Rogers	Ted Friesner Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch TBD Tim Mahlbacher Vincent Rogers Willie Smith Seth Watson	Andy Anderson Ed Buonadonna Edward Gager Errol Gower-Winter Bill Ingram, Jr. Daniel Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Dirk Summerlot Daniel Swayne
Closing Prayer	Andy Anderson	Michael Ellis	Taylor Reeves	Gary Jenkins

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Ken Tipton	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry	Bob Higbee
Scripture Reader	David Brown	Johnny Davis	Richard Lerro	Darin Summerlot
Presiding at Table	Dion Hayes	Ivan Villard	Novel Brown	Dan Fuller
Serving at Table	Connor Goodale Cody Price	Graysen Hayes Jeremy Maloney	Cody Price Trey Higbee	Devin Eutsey Daniel Wagner
Closing Prayer	Daniel Wagner	Jerry Hopkins	Tyler Williams	Gary Seames

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Andres Fernandez	Lawrence Williams	Rick Tibbetts	David Lord
Usher	Edward Gager Daniel Swayne	Kane Campbell Marty Williams	Rick Price Nahum Villard	Cody Price Eugene Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

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,
November 21

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (November 28th)

Mike Damron
Aaron Ross

Tuesday (November 30th)

Andres Fernandez

Monday (November 29th)

Aaron & Jennifer Walker (Ann.)
Regina Paul

Thursday (December 2nd)

Pat Brown
Steward Lynch

Saturday (December 4th)

Guadalupe Tipton



Directory Changes

News & Notes

We thank **Bill Ingram, Jr.** for his faithful service as one of our deacons for the last several years. Bill informed the elders that he needs to resign as a deacon, but we are thankful that he and Gai will remain faithful members at PBL. **Chuck Clark** was also one of our hard-working deacons before his passing. Please keep our deacons and elders in your prayers.



We rejoice with **David Caudill** who was baptized on Sunday, November 21 after morning services.

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 28

Singing.....Dion Hayes
Opening PrayerVictor Colage
Scripture Reading..... Orlando Lolo
Singing
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Phil Porter

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson	Tim Mahlbacher
Namddie Ikon	Robert Mariano
Richard Kelley	Rick Price
Steward Lynch	Taylor Reeves
TBA	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, November 28

SingingKen Tipton
Opening PrayerRichard Watson
Scripture Reading..... Tim Fry
Singing
Lord's Supper Ricky Smith
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerRichard Lerro

Serve at Table:

Trey Higbee	Willie Smith
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Wednesday Evening, December 1

Singing..... Graysen Hayes
Invitation Tyler Williams
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 21	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	91	166
Sun. AM Worship	245	232
Sun. PM Worship	116	111
Wed. Bible Study	NA	148
Contribution	\$13,186	\$16,173

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$59,620

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

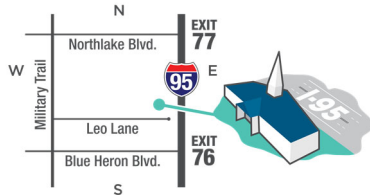
Ushers for this week: Novel Brown & Vincent Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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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: **Young Ladies at Sr. High Spring Formal**



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).



MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD

January 30