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Group 2

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*When we've been there  
 Ten thousand years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,*

*We've no less days  
 To sing God's praise  
 Than when we first begun.*



By Dan Jenkins

## You Learn So Much When You Read the Bible Slowly

It might seem as an unusual way to begin writing about God and His concerns for our tears, but take the following quiz to see just how carefully you are reading Bible stories. It is important to read the Bible, but it is far more important to read it slowly enough to remember what it says.

### Unusual Bible Quiz About Weeping

1. Who does God specifically say wept in the ark?
2. Who wept because they did not have meat to eat?
3. Who wept for seven days because her husband would not tell her the answer to the question she asked?
4. Who wept every day for three years?
5. Who wept and those around her thought she was drunk?
6. Who was barefooted and wept on the Mount of Olives?
7. Who wept when he heard his hometown was in ruins?
8. What three times did Jesus weep?
9. Who wept when he heard a rooster crow?
10. What prophet did God tell to stop weeping?

(How did you do? Answers at end of article).

Here's a Bible quiz to help us see how easily we overlook great truths

### God and Our Tears

The Bible has much to say about our tears when with broken hearts we come to Him.

Isaiah had just told Hezekiah that he was about to die, and the righteous king immediately prayed to God. Before Isaiah got outside the palace, God came to him and told him, "Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father, 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years'" (Isa. 38:5).

In the psalms, David cried and prayed to God. "All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears" (Psa. 6:6). "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not be silent at my tears" (Psa. 39:12). "Put my tears into your bottle; are they not in your book?" (Psa. 56:8). David then described God's response, "For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling" (Psa. 116:8).

Oh, the joy of knowing that God sees our tears. Look at those questions again and see God's involvement in them. Then, pray fervently knowing just how much He cares.

1. Moses—Exodus 2:6; 2. Jews in Wilderness—Num. 11:4; 3. Samson's wife—Judg. 14:16-17; 4. Paul—Acts 20:31; 5. Hannah—1 Sam. 1:9-13; 6. David—2 Sam. 15:30; 7. 14:16-17; 8. John 11:35; Luke 19:41-42; Heb. 5:7; 9. Peter—Matt. 26:75; 10. Jeremiah—Jer. 31:16.



By David Sproule

## Be Nice Anyway

Do you feel like it's harder to be nice these days? Some people today are extremely negative, extremely hurtful and extremely vile. Some people today throw niceness back in the face of those who extend it. Some people today make being nice awfully hard. *Be nice anyway!*

When your own family members let you down, say things that hurt, forget to do things they promised to do, ignore your efforts to show kindness, dump everything on you and expect you to handle it all, fail to do their part with household and family needs, act one way at home and a completely different way at church, don't seem to trust you, make selfish decisions...*be nice anyway!*

When your friends—even some friends that you thought were your "good friends"—disappoint you, make choices that slight you, treat others better than they treat you, are not always consistent, seem to be hot or cold around you without explanation, talk about you behind your back, choose to hang out with others instead of you, befriend some folks you don't particularly like, forget special days or special events, seem to ignore your messages...*be nice anyway!*

When your coworkers lie about you, cheat to gain an advantage over you, laugh at you, cuss you out, take credit for

something you did, refuse to uphold their responsibility, leave messes for you to clean up, turn people against you, manipulate the system against you, are hateful toward you, ostracize you, make things as difficult as possible for you, think they can walk all over you because you're a Christian...*be nice anyway!*

When your own church family members—the very ones who should know better—seem to avoid you, have been rumored to spread gossip about you, are obviously acting hypocritical, say things that cut you to the core, try to act like they were "only joking" when they hurt you, don't invite you to something when they've invited "everyone else," seem to refuse to respond to your efforts to contact them, dishearten you, don't do what you think they should do...*be nice anyway!*

When people in the world mistreat you, mess up your food order, cut you off in traffic, cut you in line at the store, take forever to check out at the store, lie about you online, steal from you, lose something that belongs to you, find satisfaction at your misfortune, refuse to do even the smallest thing to help you, insult you, exploit you, capitalize on your mistakes...*be nice anyway!*

Are you kidding? Be nice anyway? Why? First, it is what Jesus would do! Second, it is actually what Jesus did! Third, it is what the Bible teaches us to do (Rom. 12:14-21)! Fourth, it is the only way to go to heaven (Matt. 5:11-12)!



By Josh Blackmer

## Do Not Harden Your Heart

The Bible is full of examples, both good and bad. The New Testament writers were inspired to use those examples for our learning (Rom. 15:4). There is a section of Scripture in Hebrews chapter three that highlights an attitude that would keep us out of heaven.

“Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God” (Heb. 3:12). The writer of Hebrews uses the examples of the children of Israel wondering in the desert as an example of what it means to fall away from God. There were three things mentioned that they did. They hardened their hearts, they went astray in their hearts, and they didn’t know God’s ways (3:8, 10). These are not hard to find in the people of today. Even in Jesus’ day people had the same problem. Quoting from Isaiah He said, “For the heart of this people has become dull, with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they would see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them” (Matt. 13:15). It is clear that this is a human problem. From the beginning, people have struggled with this. The writer of Hebrews shares with us how this hardening happens—“you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (3:13b).

**For we have become partakers of Christ.**

The reason why this is a human condition is because sin is a problem we all have to face. Choosing to follow and believe in God is not because there is a lack of evidence. Those that spoke directly with God and saw His wondrous works didn’t always obey. Those in the wilderness believed that God existed, that He was a real entity. However, they did not obey. Belief alone is not enough to get us into heaven. Every time we choose sin over obedience, we have hardened our hearts a little more toward God. “For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” (Heb. 10:26). You can harden your heart to the point that you would never return to the sacrifice for you sins.

What can we do to keep our hearts from hardening? Stay away from sin as much as possible. “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12b). We also have this encouragement, “But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‘Today,’ so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end” (Heb. 3:13-14). There is a sense in that we need to help one another not get to the point of having a hardened heart toward God. In doing so we “hold down” or “seize onto,” as this word suggests, the assurance we had at the beginning of our faith in God.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### God comforts the downcast

Here is how Paul described his state of mind in Second Corinthians chapter 7. He had had “no rest” (7:5). Sound familiar? He was “troubled on every side,” as “outside were conflicts” and “inside were fears” (7:5). Truly, Paul felt “downcast” (7:6). Have you been there before?

But notice how verse 6 begins. While Paul was troubled, the next verse says, “Nevertheless God...” Think about that in your life. When you’re dealing with “no rest,” “trouble on every side,” “conflicts” and “fears,” NEVERTHELESS GOD! There is something (yea, SOMEONE) in your life Who is a steady, reliable, fortifying constant!

“Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus” (7:6). The word “downcast” indicates one who is “low on the ground.” And when you are “low on the ground,” God is there (always!) to pick you up and comfort you, through His Word, through His promises, through His presence and through His people! Don’t ever forget that! – DS



### Wholly or not wholly – a big deal!

As long as I “mostly” follow the Lord or “nearly always,” that’s good enough, right? Consider the stark contrast in Numbers 32. Joshua and Caleb “wholly followed the Lord” (32:12), and they were the ones permitted to enter the Promised Land. But “the Lord’s anger was aroused” against those who had “not wholly followed” Him (32:10-11). “Not wholly” following the Lord is equated in this text with doing “evil in the sight of the Lord” (32:13), being “sinful” (32:14) and “turning away from following” the Lord” (32:15). The text emphasizes three times how such behavior “aroused” and did “increase still more” the anger of the Lord (32:10, 13, 14). 500 years later, the Lord had not changed His perspective, when “Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord,” which is then equated with the fact that he “did not fully follow the Lord” (1 Kgs. 11:6).

What does God expect of us today? Is “mostly” following Him good enough? He calls us to “walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him...” (Col. 1:10). We must give Him our all (Luke 10:27)! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mary Brown</b>	surgery on Dec. 6 to remove nodule from right lung
<b>Linda Coe</b>	having injections in her knees to relieve pain
<b>Johnny Davis, Jr.</b>	undergoing a chemo treatment for kidney cancer
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	awaiting more test results
<b>Joe Holland</b>	Gardens Medical Center (room 331), undergoing tests
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	in Waterford Rehab, visitors welcome
<b>Cynthia Ingraham</b>	being tested for kidney and breast issues
<b>Owen Miley</b>	recovering at home from stent surgery
<b>Rosa Nash</b>	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
<b>Peggy Simpkins</b>	diagnosed with rare cancer, awaiting treatment options

## 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
<b>Henry Williams</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>James Mahlbacher</b>	Tim Mahlbacher's father, multiple health issues
<b>Yvonne Palmer</b>	Teresa Williams' sister, recovering from a procedure
<b>Laura Schubert</b>	Nick Pietro's sister, treatments for breast cancer
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting surg. on breast cancer

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Dianne Frye	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connye 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, December 5

- ◆ **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, December 6

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## 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 5:00 p.m. Details will be announced on Sunday. We will not be gathering together and singing until midnight, as in the past.

## Sunday, January 2

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

## Monday, January 3

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

## Tuesday, January 4

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

## Monday, January 10

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Monday, December 6

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

### 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. Bring your favorite treat, dessert and drinks. Also, bring a \$15 gift for the game. See Ivan for more details.

### Friday, December 31

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 5:00 p.m. Details will be announced on Sunday. We will not be gathering together and singing until midnight, as in the past.

### Saturday, January 8

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



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Monday, December 6

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

### 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

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Meeting & Devo.** All families are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

### Monday, January 10

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> a James & Michelle Green a Julio & Flo Aristy b Sarah Rodgers
<b>2</b> ☆ <b>Every Member Present Sunday</b> a Gary & Jacqui Jenkins b Michael Archer b Ellen Gager	<b>3</b> b Jacqueline Creary b Jessie Gower-Winter b Natalie Villa	<b>4</b> a Joseph & Anthioda Charles b Gabrielle Newby	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> b Bobby Ingraham b Joe Maloney	<b>7</b> a Willie & Giselle Smith b Lucy Bond b Sandy Colage	<b>8</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b>
<b>9</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High &amp; Sr. High Family Meeting</b> a Matthew & Kasandra Jones b Brenda Collier	<b>10</b> ☆ <b>Men's Meet</b> b Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona b Sloan Davis	<b>11</b> b Aisha Commander	<b>12</b> a Douglas & Carolina Alvarenga b Barbara King	<b>13</b> b Linda Allen	<b>14</b> b Silas Balfour b Mary Coombs b Robin Davis b Cindy Summerlot	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> b Terry Denton	<b>19</b> a Cornelius & Andrea Henderson	<b>20</b> b Julie Charles	<b>21</b> ☆ <b>Ladies &amp; Lattes</b> b Edward Gager	<b>22</b> b Andrea Leslie
<b>23</b> ☆ <b>Baby Shower for Hunter &amp; Kaitlin Hinton</b> ☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b> b Luther Robinson	<b>24</b> b Keila McLeod b Marisa Reeves	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> b Jimmie Banks b Winifred Patterson	<b>27</b> b Christene Bean b Ed Buonadonna b Sasha Smith	<b>28</b> b Joyce Parker b Lana Smith	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> ☆ <b>Mission Sunday</b> ☆ <b>2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin</b> ☆ <b>Robert Martin Mission Report</b> b Joyce Barnhouse b Dick Haines	<b>31</b> a Tom & Sharon Masciarelli b Charles Hayes b Mary A. Jackson					

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
November 28



Dearest PBL Family,

I am so overwhelmed with all your expressions of love for Chuck and me. It's hard to find words. Many thank you's for the food, calls, texts, cards, flowers, hugs and oh so many prayers during this hard time of illness and passing. Chuck would have been so touched as I and his family are by these expressions of love and caring. Chuck made it to his goal and may we all strive to be with him some day. How can we fear with Jesus?

Trish Clark

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Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers. It means so much to know you've got me in your prayers. Miss you all.

Glen Dawson

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Miss Caila Buonadonna; Ms. Michelle Castonguay & Maddisun Dugger; Mrs. Juna Dorcelly; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Je'von & Jascity Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Sandy Joseph; Mr. Todd Juckett; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. Maxine McCoy; Mr. David Payne, II; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit Samson; Mr. Donald Seay; Ms. Melissa Shaw; Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Grace Shaw; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Allison Snyder; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. David Whipple.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Kalon & Melissa Brown & family, Oakland, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Brad Collier, Patterson, GA; Mr. Steven Daniels, Folsom, CA; and Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** This Week

Sunday (December 5th)

Troy Alberga  
Adrienna Gadson  
Hunter Hinton  
Janice Osborne

Thursday (December 9th)

Michael & Jean Archer (Ann.)

Friday (December 10th)

Carolina Medina

Monday (December 6th)

Cara Blackmer

Saturday (December 11th)

Tasha Ellis

Tuesday (December 7th)

Jeannie Buonadonna

**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, December 5**

Opening Prayer ..... Dan Fuller  
Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Contribution..... David Lord  
Scripture Reading ..... Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Lord's Supper  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Andy Anderson

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna      Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Devin Eutsey        Benny Rodgers  
E. Gower-Winter    Gary Seames  
Gary Jenkins        Darin Summerlot  
Daniel Lord         Brandon Widner

**Sunday Evening, December 5**

Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer..... Dirk Summerlot  
Singing  
Contribution ..... Dion Hayes  
Singing  
Scripture Reading ..... David Brown  
Sermon  
Singing  
Lord's Supper  
Singing  
Closing Prayer..... Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale    Cody Price

**Wednesday Evening, December 8**

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation..... Jimmie Banks  
Family Prayer ..... Dan McLeod

**Our Record**

Attendance	Nov. 28	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	197	166
Sun. AM Worship	264	232
Sun. PM Worship	124	111
Wed. Bible Study	135	148
Contribution	\$15,462	\$16,173

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$60,138

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

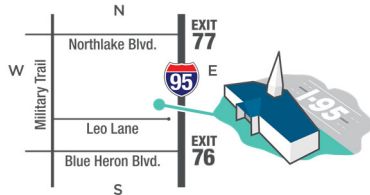
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Daniel Swayne  
Safety Team for this week: Andres Fernandez



# 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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## What Must I Do to Be Saved?

*The Bible says...*

### 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

### 2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

### 3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

### 4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

### 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).