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David Sproule ..... 301-2230  
Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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Novel Brown ..... 848-6988  
Victor Colage ..... 719-1490  
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Kirk Crews ..... 339-9283  
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# 40 YEARS

with love to Dan & Judie  
(Jan. 1982-Jan. 2022)

On January 9th, PBL honored Dan & Judie Jenkins for 40 years of loving and faithful service at PBL. What a blessing they have been to PBL and to souls around the world! We hope they will enjoy their vacation together!





By Dan Jenkins

## Seeing Souls, Not Just Seeing People

I remember as a young missionary the words of another missionary in New Zealand. We were discussing how to better find individuals to teach and how to lead them to Christ. It was hard to find those interested in the Bible in New Zealand as we tried to do our work. He then said something I will never forget. "Dan, are you still seeing souls?"

The world is lost and every person you meet is a soul, but sometimes we fail to see those souls. Christ died for the lost, and our responsibility is to take the gospel to the lost. There is a vast difference between seeing people and seeing souls.

Unlike us, Jesus always saw souls. The classic illustration is Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman at the well. She was amazed that a Jew would even speak to her. She asked Jesus why he would even ask her to give him a drink from the well. Her reason? "The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9).

Jesus was so different from the rabbis of His day. One description of them is found in Robertson's Daily Bible Study. He says, "A rabbi might not even speak to his own wife or daughter in public. There were even Pharisees who were called 'the bruised and bleeding Pharisees' because they shut their eyes when they saw a woman on the street and so walked into

walls and houses!" Jesus was not like them. His apostles were so amazed that Jesus was talking to a woman of Samaria but did not ask Him about His actions (John 4:29).

Jesus saw souls, and He saw the soul of the woman of Samaria. The apostles saw her leave to return to the city, not knowing what she did when she came into the city. She told those there to come to the well suggesting that she had found the Messiah. The text then described how those in the city believed her and were coming to the well to investigate for themselves.

Do you know what Jesus said to the apostles as all of this was happening? "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35). The apostles could have seen those coming from the city, and all they saw were Samaritans, a people with whom the apostles had no dealings. Do you know what Jesus saw? He saw souls! When they arrived at the city, they too found the treasures of Jesus. He saw the souls and spent two full days teaching them.

What about us? Do we see the souls of rude servers in a restaurant? Do we see the souls of those around us as we wait in a doctor's office? Do we see the souls, or do we only think of how bad we are being treated?

The next time it happens, "Lift up your eyes to the harvest." It will change how you deal with others.

**Seeing souls  
makes you see  
those around  
you in a different  
way**



By David Sproule

## A Baby in a Dumpster — Nothing New About That!

On January 7, 2022, a newborn baby was found still alive in a dumpster behind a shopping center in Hobbs, New Mexico. The baby was wrapped in a dirty towel and was inside two plastic bags with trash. The newborn baby boy (although it's not clear if the baby had yet self-identified as a male) had been thrown in the dumpster six hours earlier by his mother, with his umbilical cord still attached. Three individuals went to the dumpster that Friday evening looking for items of value and heard the newborn crying.

This event in a small town in New Mexico on a random Friday evening has captured national attention. WHY? Why does our nation care about a little baby being found in a dumpster?

Think about these "interesting" details of the story: (1) the people who found the baby are being praised as "good Samaritans" who "saved the baby's life"; (2) the 911 dispatcher eagerly wanted to ensure the baby boy was still alive and breathing; (3) police rushed the baby to a hospital; (4) the baby was airlifted to a different hospital in Lubbock, Texas; and (5) the mother has been charged with attempted murder and child abuse. Think about those five things.

Why do I say these are "interesting" details? If only the mother had aborted the baby just 24 hours earlier, (1) no

one would have found the baby alive, (2) no 911 dispatcher would have been involved, (3) the police would not have been notified, (4) a hospital staff would not have cared, and (5) the mother would not be charged with murder and child abuse. What a difference 24 hours made!

Here's the harsh reality: Babies, by the thousands, were thrown in dumpsters every day for years, wrapped in plastic bags. And no one seemed to care. Currently, the abortion clinics may grind the bodies or incinerate them. And, again, no one seems to care. So, WHY care now? What difference does 24 hours make?

Amazingly, there still seems to be a conscience in this country (or faint resemblance of one). Here's the obvious reality that no one seems to want to admit: A baby is JUST AS MUCH AS BABY AND ALIVE inside the womb as outside the womb! The Bible says that a "baby leaped in her womb" in Luke 1:41, and then "a baby [was] wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" outside the womb in Luke 2:12. IT'S SAME WORD! God "knitted together" every baby in the "mother's womb," when the baby "was being made in secret" by Him (Psa. 139:13-16). Is there any blood more "innocent" (that ought to be protected!) than the blood of an unborn BABY (NOT fetus) safely nestled inside a mother's womb (Prov. 6:16-17)?

Life is precious! May we never forget it!

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baby being found  
in a dumpster?**





By Josh Blackmer

## The True Knowledge of Our Lord

You have heard someone say that “Knowledge is power.” I can see where that would be the case. One could also make the argument that knowledge is peace. In true knowledge or the full discernment of a subject certain things can come into focus. There is no more doubt about that subject. If that subject is a vital part of life, then you are prepared for the life ahead of you. That is how it is with a true knowledge of Jesus Christ.

There has always been false information surrounding the subject of the Christ. There are false concepts of who He was before He was even born, and a false narrative that he was just the illegitimate child of Mary or a nobody from Nazareth during His life. There’s even widespread blasphemy about Him after His death and resurrection. It is no wonder that New Testament writers place an emphasis on the knowledge of Jesus. It is so important that John opens his first letter this way. “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us” (1 John 1:1-2). Without a true understanding of Jesus, everything unravels.

**If you want all the blessings from true knowledge, He has instructions.**

Paul tells us of “the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument” (Col. 2:2b-4). Peter wrote, “Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence” (2 Pet. 1:3). In these passages, we clearly see what we risk if we are not truly informed. We risk a spiritual “wealth,” “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,” and “everything pertaining to life and godliness.” There couldn’t be anything more important for an individual trying to live a righteous life.

Then the question must be asked, “How do I make sure I am fruitful in this knowledge?” Peter answers that for us. “Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 1:5-8). If you want all the blessings that come from true knowledge, we have been instructed how.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The top of the endangered creatures list

The snail darter upheld construction of the Tellico Dam on the Little Tennessee River in 1975, because it was on the endangered species list. The construction project would be inconvenienced rather than put this little fish in harm’s way. The Braken Bat Cave Meshweaver spider halted a highway construction project in San Antonio in 2012, because it was considered an endangered species. The plans for the road would be disrupted, rather than the spider’s habitat be disrupted.

The list of similar cases could go on and on. Folks, do you not see the hypocrisy, the inconsistency, the brazen double standard? We (i.e., our society) will go out of our way to save some insignificant critter, and do so at the disruption to our lives, BUT we (i.e., our society) will mutilate and murder an innocent baby inside a mother’s safe womb and never dream of inconveniencing a pregnant woman. Oh, how the devil has duped us! On the TOP of the endangered creatures list today is the unborn human child! May God help us to step up, speak out and protect them (Psa. 139:13-16; Prov. 6:16-17)! – DS



### Your child won’t do more than you

The goal of EVERY Christian parent ought to be to get their children to heaven! (Oh, how I wish that sentence could have said, “The goal of EVERY Christian parent IS to get their children to heaven!” But, unfortunately, that would not be an accurate statement.) Are you a Christian parent? Do you still have children at home? Is there anything you want MORE than for your children to go to heaven? How do your actions coincide with your answer to that last question?



It is highly unlikely (almost in the region of “it’ll never happen”) that your children will grow up to place more emphasis on the church than you do. They will not grow up to place more emphasis on Bible reading, prayer and Christian living than you do. At best, some will be a Christian at “your level.” But most, unfortunately, will be “less” inclined to Christian living than you.

With that in mind, are you giving your children THE BEST opportunity to grow up to be a faithful Christian? Is their soul and their eternal destiny worth not living your Christian life to the absolute FULLEST? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Bonnie Arthur</b>	Gardens Medical Center (room 331)
<b>Johnny Davis, Jr.</b>	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
<b>Katie Goodale</b>	recovering at home from her brain surgery
<b>Joe Holland</b>	back at Chatsworth after hospitalization for infection
<b>Shirley Hopkins</b>	fractured pelvis, undergoing physical therapy
<b>Carolyn Kemp</b>	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
<b>Jerry Pittman</b>	recovering from outpatient procedure
<b>Benny Rodgers</b>	recovering from rotator cuff surgery
<b>Peggy Simpkins</b>	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
<b>Giselle Smith</b>	dealing with a severe sickle cell crisis
<b>Jermaine Smith</b>	recovering at home from surgery on broken hip
<b>Jennifer Walker</b>	Jupiter Medical Center, recovering from another surgery

## 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>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 Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joan Holloway
Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connye Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe & Marian Holland	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Kay Estes</b>	Chuck & Cheryl Milton's sister, recovering from surgery
<b>Carla Kimberland</b>	Cindy Summerlot's mother, angioplasty on Jan. 20
<b>Laura Schubert</b>	Nick Pietro's sister, treatments for breast cancer
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, recovering from mastectomy





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Monday, January 17

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

## Tuesday, January 18

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

## 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. They are registered at BuyBuyBaby and Babylist.com. *It's a girl!*
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## 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. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

## Sunday, February 6

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

## Friday, February 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. 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.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### 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.

### Friday-Monday, February 4-7

- ♦ **Youth & Family Camping Trip** at DuPuis Group Campground. Sign up on the bulletin board.

### Friday, February 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. 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.

### Saturday, March 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

### Monday, March 14

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### 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

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

### Saturday, February 12

- ♦ **Valentine's Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. See Ivan or Amber Villard for details.
- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High Youth should arrive at 3:30 p.m. RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

### Sunday, February 13

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.



# MISSION *Sunday*

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD

## *January 30*

*Every dollar given on Mission Sunday  
goes toward mission work.*

**SINCE 2004, THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT DAY OF  
JOY AND VICTORY FOR THIS CONGREGATION.**

*Are you thinking about it?*

*Are you preparing for it?*

*Are you praying about it?*

*Are you excited about it?*

*How will God use us in 2022 to spread the gospel?*



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



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
January 9

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

### Sunday (January 23rd)

Luther Robinson

### Monday (January 24th)

Keila McLeod

Marisa Reeves

### Wednesday (January 26th)

Jimmie Banks

Winifred Patterson

### Thursday (January 27th)

Christene Bean

Ed Buonadonna

Sasha Smith

### Friday (January 28th)

Joyce Parker

Lana Smith



## Directory Changes

**Julie Charles** moved to Tennessee to attend Freed-Hardeman University.



**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Win & Holly Benson; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. Addison Collins; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Todd Juckett; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mrs. Jean Marlene; Mr. Harold Pinas; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Ms. Allison Snyder & Joseph; and Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Russell & Susan Beliech, Reeds Spring, MO; Ms. Mildred Burn, Rhine, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, IL; Mrs. Amy Miranda, Maryville, TN; Mrs. Tracy Nutt, Moore, SC; Mr. Ted Okolichany, Lakeland, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; and Mrs. Jean & Ms. Kimberly Tulgestka, Rogers City, MI.

There's just not enough of the right words to fully express my love and gratitude for each of you for the calls, cards, texts, hugs and so much more. You have been there for me 1,000% through all of life's crazy and monumental moments for me. While the storm isn't over yet, I can smile, laugh, and know I am loved by you. Our Lord always provides a way through and out, if needed, of each storm. Thank you for being a huge part of my path through these storms so I can grow stronger and better for God.

In Christian Love,  
Cherylann Wineinger

## 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, January 16**

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan Fuller  
Scripture Reading ..... Dan McLeod  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Gary Jenkins  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... David Holaday

#### Serve at Table:

Andy Anderson	Daniel Lord
Ed Buonadonna	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Edward Gager	Benny Rodgers
E. Gower-Winter	Gary Seames
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Brandon Widner

### **Sunday Evening, January 16**

Singing ..... Ken Tipton  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Eugene Williams  
Contribution  
Singing  
Scripture Reading ..... David Brown  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Dion Hayes

#### Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale     Darin Summerlot

### **Wednesday Evening, January 19**

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Graysen Hayes  
Family Prayer ..... Willie Smith

## Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 9	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	165	165
Sun. AM Worship	226	253
Sun. PM Worship	114	113
Wed. Bible Study	121	120
Contribution	\$19,116	\$15,942

2022 Weekly Budget: TBD

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

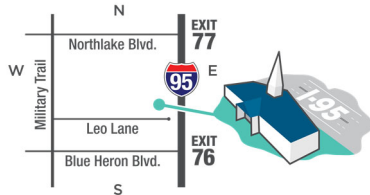
Ushers for this week: Devin Eutsey & Andres Fernandez  
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*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: **Daniel Lord, Trey Higbee, Tyler Williams, Josiah Blackmer**

## 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)

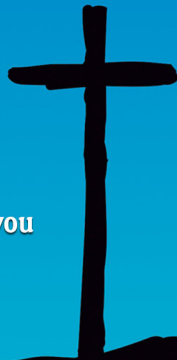
**He was raised from the dead for you**  
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

### 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)