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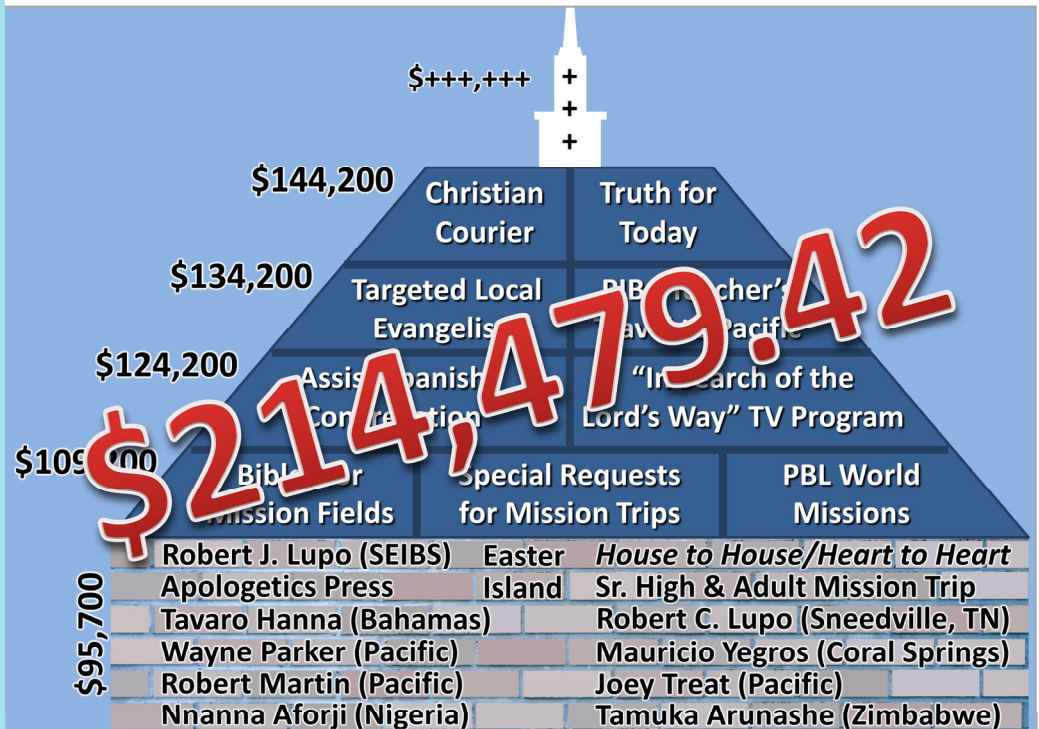
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MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



TO GOD Be the Glory



By Dan Jenkins

My Heavy Heart Prays for You

I have devoted several hours trying to ensure that this article it is not misunderstood. As I write these words there is a prayer ascending upward asking for God’s help. It is not the first time I have prayed this same prayer. My heart is heavy as I think about my brothers and sisters at Palm Beach Lakes.

These words are not addressed to every member. We have all been impacted for the past two years by Covid and our nation’s attempt to deal with its threat to our lives. We have all been forced to make changes in various ways and some even today are isolated from our society for their health’s sake. I fully understand this, and these words are not intended for you.

There are many members whose lives have changed in recent months for things are not nearly as threatening now as before. This has enabled many of you to leave your homes far more than in the past to get groceries, buy gas, to go to work, perhaps to eat out and run other errands. You have made changes, but have you changed what is happening in worshipping God? Your Sundays are so different from what they were two years ago. Far too many have become *spectators* of worship and not *participators*.

What brought this to my mind in such a vivid way was what happened in our building this past Sunday. When the

amount given for Mission Sunday was revealed, throughout the auditorium there was a sense of “wow” and hearts filled with thanksgiving. Someone said, “The oxygen level in the auditorium dropped 35% when the number was announced.”

The closing songs of praise were from the depths of the heart of every member present. After services almost everyone talked to others about all that had just happened. We shared together in this victory for world evangelism.

My heart is heavy as I think about many at Palm Beach Lakes

If you were watching the service at home, you missed sharing this with brethren. I am fearful that the mind of some, who may have been joyful, thought about what *Palm Beach Lakes* did, but not what *we* did. You missed the many expressions of joy and your life is emptier. My heart is heavy for you.

The church is a body with a common spirit of service to God and to each other. Far too many have not worshiped in two years by speaking to others in spiritual songs. When traveling I have occasionally worshiped online, but it is so different. I was not speaking to others in singing, nor were they speaking to me. It’s not the same. His plan of coming together to worship is what He wants.

My heart is heavy. I fear that the choices you have made about your Sundays have weakened you. Feeding your soul is more vital than getting food for your body. I will continue to pray for you. My heart is heavy.



By David Sproule

When Christ Returns (Part 3) — The Earth Will Be Destroyed

On the day that Christ returns (i.e., “the last day”), all of the dead will be raised at the same time (John 5:28-29) and all people will be removed from the earth (1 Thess. 4:16-17). At that time, the Bible plainly teaches that this material planet, and everything in it, will be destroyed by fire.

However, some teach today that the earth will not be destroyed when Christ returns. Those who espouse the doctrine of premillennialism claim that Jesus will establish an earthly kingdom and reign on the earth for 1,000 years. Did you know that the Bible nowhere speaks of Jesus ever stepping foot back on the earth, but rather than He will return “in the air” (1 Thess. 4:15-17)? Others are teaching today that the earth is going to be purified by fire and will then become “heaven” for God’s people for all of eternity. But what does the Scripture teach?

The Scripture repeatedly and emphatically makes a clear distinction between “heaven” and “earth.” Read the words of Jesus (Matt. 5:34-35; 6:10, 19-10; John 14:1-3). Read the words of the apostles (Phil. 3:19-21; Col. 3:1-2; 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:3-4). “Heaven” and “earth” are not the same and never will be! Heaven, the dwelling place of God, existed eternally before earth was ever created and will exist eternally after earth

is destroyed, and it will become the eternal dwelling of the righteous with their God when they leave this earth forever.

The Scripture teaches that when Christ returns the earth and everything in it will be destroyed. The earth will “pass away” (Matt. 24:35; 2 Pet. 3:10), which is a term that means “to come to an end and so no longer be there; perish.” The earth will have “fled away” (Rev. 20:11), which is a term that means “to cease being visible, vanish, disappear.”

The fundamental components that make up the earth will be consumed

Read 2 Peter 3:10-12. “The heavens will pass away with a great noise,” which indicates “something passing with great force and rapidity.” “The elements will melt with fervent heat.” The elements are “the basic elements from which everything in the world is made and of which it is composed”; and they are going to “melt,” which emphasizes “the parts of the universe [will be] broken up and destroyed in the final conflagration.” The word for “fervent heat” means to “be consumed by heat, burn up...destroyed by burning.” “The earth and the works that are in it will be burned up,” which means to “consume by fire.”

The very fundamental components that make up the earth and everything in it will be completely consumed. There will be nothing left on which man to abide. Where are you laying up your treasures (Matt. 6:19-21)? Where is your mind set (Col. 3:1-2)? Let us be properly prepared for that day!



By Josh Blackmer

Christ or Covid, What Are We Preaching?

Covid is playing out. It will soon be relegated to the list of shots you get every year. Yet some continue the rhetoric that follows the thought of Romans chapter five. “Therefore, just as through one lab Covid-19 entered the world, and death through Covid, and so Covid spread to all men, because all didn’t wear a mask. Nevertheless Covid-19 reigned from Trump to Biden, even over those who had not vaccinated in the likeness of Fauci. For if by the transgression of one lab, death reigned through the lab, much more those who receive an abundance of vaccinations and face masks will reign in a mortal life.” This is obviously playful banter, but it highlights a concern. Which is more important?

Read Romans again. “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. The gift is not like that

which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:12-17).

We need to be about our Father’s business again.

This brings up several questions. Which of these do we talk about most? Of the two deaths, which is most concerning. Of the two deaths which are we warning people about? Are we more likely to call all of our friends we have been in contact with to tell them we have Covid or Christ? Are we asking questions about salvation or vaccinations?

I know this might be a bit much, but can we be done with this now and get back to what the church does best? We need to be about our Father’s business again. “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” Don’t let it be swallowed up by fear again (1 Cor. 15:55). Every one of us are positioned to do great things to the Glory of God this year. Everyone one of us as children of God have the most important message to share. This message is a One died for all fit—it’s good for all. This message has the greatest reward! We, as humble servants of the Savior, are blessed with carrying that message.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Build your hopes on things eternal

Did you ever use little wooden blocks when you were a kid to build things (maybe like a house)? Was there any difference in your construction project if you tried to build it on a hard floor (like tile) versus on the carpet? Of course there was! What if you tried to build it on the bed? That was even worse than the carpet! You learned as a kid that it mattered what you built upon.

Now, think of something more valuable, meaningful and significant than a wooden-block house. Think about the HOPE that you have. Upon what do you “build” that? What if you build your hopes upon money or material possessions? Good idea? What about upon people? What about upon your health or your bucket list? You know that you would be disappointed, hurt and even devastated by these results—just like building a little house upon the bed.

That’s why Jennie Wilson, in 1904, wrote, “Hold to God’s unchanging hand! Build your hopes on things eternal!” You will never be devastated by those results (Tit. 1:2)! – DS



Mindful of God’s things or man’s things?

Where do you place the greatest emphasis in your life? It is so very easy to get focused on things from a human perspective and allow our focus to get off of eternal things that are of the utmost importance to God. This happens even when we don’t realize it.

The apostle Peter was a spiritual man. He was a follower of Christ and was learning so much from the teachings of Jesus. His faith had grown to the level that he boldly confessed, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). (That fits most of us.) But when Jesus’ teachings (about His upcoming death) did not align with Peter’s mindset, he was quick to “rebuke” the Lord and try to get the Lord to see things Peter’s way (16:21-22).

Jesus said to His friend, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men” (16:23). When I, like Peter, am more mindful of my will than the will of Christ, I also can become His adversary. May God help me to keep focused on eternal things! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
Maria Hackshaw	in the hospital undergoing testing
Joe Holland	under Hospice Care at Chatsworth
Shirley Hopkins	fractured pelvis, undergoing physical therapy
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
Angie Seames	recovering at home
Gary Seames	recovering from surgery on his finger
Peggy Simpkins	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
Giselle Smith	recovering at home
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from surgery on broken hip
Jennifer Walker	in Encompass Rehab in Stuart



Willie & Melissa Shaw, upon the passing of Grace Shaw, on Tuesday. Services will be on February 11 at Royal Palm Funeral Home. The visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral service at 11:00 a.m.

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	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

Carmen Delarosa	Angelica Fernandez's mother, recovering from surgery
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, having pacemaker surgery
William Jackson	Jonetta & Mary's brother, recovering from surgery
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Summerlot's mother, angioplasty now on Feb. 10
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, multiple health issues

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, February 6

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **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, February 7

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

Tuesday, February 8

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

Saturday, February 12

- ♦ **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. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to Josh or Cara Blackmer.

Sunday, February 13

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

Sunday, February 13 (cont.)

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

Friday, February 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. 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, February 20

- ♦ **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.

Monday, February 21

- ♦ **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**

Friday, February 18

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Monday, February 21

- ♦ **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.

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. 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 **Youth**

Saturday, February 12

- ♦ **Valentine's Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be food, games, crafts and a service project. RSVP by February 10 and sign up to bring a food item (<https://signup.com/go/kYPHvDE>). 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 4:00 p.m. RSVP to Josh or Cara Blackmer.

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Imitators of *GOD*

EPHESIANS 5:1

HIS Holiness

FEBRUARY

“...always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members **Traveling**
this week



 Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
January 30



We rejoice with **Jettie Sweetenbury** who was baptized on Friday, January 28.



In lieu of the Supply Drive, Mount Dora's Children Home is requesting gift cards this year to help buy supplies for the kids. They are not sending a truck, so please do NOT bring any supplies. **Please bring Publix or Wal-Mart gift cards by Sunday, March 6** and place them in the box in the Lobby.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 6th)
Kenneth Long
Sherrie Tibbetts

Thursday (February 10th)
Pete & Pat Brown (Ann.)

Monday (February 7th)
Connie Plouffe

Friday (February 11th)
David Brown

Wednesday (February 9th)
Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)

Saturday (February 12th)
Dave Holaday

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, February 6

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

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna Dan McLeod
Devin Eutsey Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez Benny Rodgers
E. Gower-Winter Brandan Widner
Gary Jenkins Eugene Williams

Sunday Evening, February 6

Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer..... David Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper David Brown
Contribution
Singing
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Dion Hayes

Wednesday Evening, February 9

Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 30	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	140	165
Sun. AM Worship	191	253
Sun. PM Worship	130	113
Wed. Bible Study	122	120
Contribution	\$214,479.42	\$15,942

2022 Weekly Budget: TBD

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

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

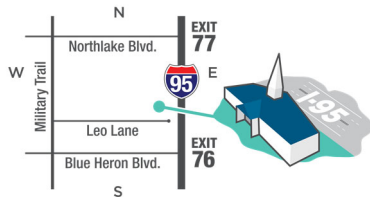
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Daniel Swayne
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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: Amy West, Sue Shelt & Connie Tipton

New Bible Classes (FEB. 13 – APR. 20)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Your Faith Can Overcome	David Sproule (Auditorium)
Principles of Parenting	Josh Blackmer (Adult 1)
Jr. High & Sr. High: Hebrews	Jeff Goodale

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

The Two Covenants	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
Interpreting the Bible God's Way	David Sproule (Adult 1)
Jr. High & Sr. High: Interpreting the Bible	Josh Blackmer