#### **Elders**

Johnny Davis 307-42	32
Dan Fuller685-44	54
Jerry Hopkins818-71	64
Paul Metzkes870-80	42
Phil Porter 575-47	82
*Pichard Watson 207 26	no

\*Chairman for the Month of March

#### **Evangelists**

Dan Jenkins	379-2325
David Sproule	301-2230
Josh Blackmer	319-1418

#### **Deacons**

Mike Archer	422-2995
David Brown	972-7608
Novel Brown	848-6988
Victor Colage	719-1490
Lance Collier	793-2718
Kirk Crews	339-9283
Mike Erickson	310-9916
Tim Fry	373-9121
Jeff Goodale	261-1188
Rick Hall	622-5131
Dion Hayes	214-533-5065
Bob Higbee	303-386-6405
Gary Jenkins	
Jeff Leslie	744-3444
David Lord	346-2228
Buzz Nelson	
Ivan Villard	
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# Thank you, Jerry!



# Faithful Elder at Palm Beach Lakes

October 17, 1971 — October 12, 1980 July 27, 1986 — March 16, 2022

For nearly 45 years, Jerry Hopkins has served as a loving and devoted elder of this congregation! Palm Beach Lakes owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to this man for the selfless way that he has given of himself in service to the Lord's church!

Jerry's compassionate and tender heart permeated the eldership and the congregation, and it endeared him to every member, as he gently sought to lead each of us to heaven.

His love for the pure truth of the gospel, his love for the church, his love for every PBL member, his love for mission work, his love for singing and for worship, and his love for corny jokes made him an easy man and elder to love, respect and follow.

Thank you, Jerry and Shirley! We love you both so much! We will miss you!

By Dan Jenkins

# **Learning to Hate What He Hates**

before God hav-

our God says

by God and

"unlawful"

in His sight

There is a paragraph in Proverbs which every person should know. Listen to God as He tries to get our attention and says, "These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him" (Prov. 6:16). We must never overlook what follows these words, for we must flee from all that God

finds detestable. When we stand before God, we must not stand with anything that is an abomination to Him.

- **#1. God hates "a proud look."** It may not be by accident that this is listed first. It is the opposite of humility which is found in the heart of the one ing ignored what who humbles himself before God. Humility leads one to God, but pride does just the opposite.
- about holiness #2. God hates "a lying tongue." Our God cannot lie, and He by His holy nature wants us to always speak the truth. This must be very important for it is listed in another form in the sixth attitude God hates.
- #3. God hates "hands that shed innocent blood." Our nation is shocked by the brutal killing of children in Ukraine, yet legally permits the slaughter of children in the womb. God abhors both of these.
- #4. God hates "a heart that devises wicked plans." There are sins which come into our lives because of weakness

which suddenly comes into our lives. There are sins which men lie awake at night and scheme how to do evil. God makes a difference between these. The difference is mercy and justice.

- #5. God hates "feet that are swift in running to evil." Those who plan evil do far more than make plans. They can hardly wait to carry them out. And they run to do evil!
- #6. God hates "a false witness who speaks lies." This obviously involves lying which has already been men-**Imagine standing** tioned, but in our day, think of how it applies to false teachers who claim they speak for God but lie.
  - #7. God hates "one who sows discord among brethren." Our God is one (Deut. 6:4) and longs for His people to be one. However, think of how serious it is when one stirs up trouble in a local congregation and creates a situation where the faith

of so many is weakened. There were those individuals in Corinth who sowed discord over teachers like Paul, Apollos and Cephas. He refers to the church as God's temple and says, "If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him" (1 Cor. 3:17). Religious folks can create such havoc!

Think about this list and imagine standing before His judgment throne having paid no attention to this list. We need to know the list, but we must do all we can to destroy sinful actions from our lives. He is holy. God help us to be like Him.



# Any Sex Outside of Marriage Is Sin

The title of this article will likely dissuade many folks from actually reading the article. "Sex" is not a topic some like to hear about. Talking about "sex outside of marriage" makes some think the church is still "living in the dark ages" to bring up such a subject. And to mention the word "sin" is to

kill any conversation today. So, the title may not draw the readers in, but the title is nonetheless the truth. We must examine God's Word on every subject to know "unsanctioned" the truth. Then, we must teach and follow THAT truth!

First, we must recognize that God is the Creator, and therefore, God gets to tell man what He wants. God created man (Gen. 2:7). Then God created woman (Gen. 2:22a). Then God created marriage

(Gen. 2:22b). Then God created sex inside that marriage (Gen. 2:24-25; 1:27-28). Man has no right to change God's designed order and God's specified arrangement.

God has blessed only the marriage bed (i.e., only sex between a husband and his wife). Hebrews 13:4 states, "Marriage is to be held in honor among all" (oh, would to God the world would read that!), "and the marriage bed is to be undefiled." Only sex inside marriage is approved by God. So, then what does God say about sex outside of marriage?

Hebrews 13:4 continues, "But fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Who are "fornicators"? The original Greek word for "fornication" means "various kinds of 'unsanctioned sexual intercourse'; unlawful sexual intercourse." Think about that definition. God placed "lawful" sexual intercourse inside a marriage, between a husband and his wife (Gen. 2:24-25; 1:27-28; 1 Cor. 7:2). Therefore, any kind (or as the definition states, "various kinds") of sexual inter-

> course outside of a husband-wife relationship is "unsanctioned" by God and "unlawful" in His sight.

> Regarding "fornication," the Bible teaches us that "God will judge" fornicators (Heb. 13:4). What does that mean? They "will not inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9), for they do not have "any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God" (Eph. 5:5). Instead, fornicators (i.e., those who engage in any sex

outside of a God-approved marriage) will be on the "outside" of "the gates of" heaven, with no "right to the tree of life" (Rev. 22:14-15); indeed, they "shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8).

Recognizing the sinfulness of sex outside of marriage and the eternal consequences that are specified thereto, God pleads with us to "abstain from fornication" (1 Thess. 4:3) and "flee fornication" (1 Cor. 6:18), for "the body is not for fornication but for the Lord" (1 Cor. 6:13). Give yourself to the Lord!



By Josh Blackmer

# "The Love of Christ Compels Us"

through being

motivated by

these factors.

What keeps you motivated? You might rely on extrinsic motivations, money, praise, or recognition. Intrinsic motivations help also, that personal gratification of accomplishing a task is very rewarding. The motivation in our spiritual walk needs to be maintained. What keeps us making right

choices? What helps me face those hard days? What presses me on toward the high calling or to go into all the world with the gospel? In the fifth chapter of Second We have all gone Corinthians, Paul lays out before us three possible motivations.

He begins with the judgement of God. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done,

whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). This is only mentioned after talking about his desire to be with the Lord and our "ambition" to be pleasing to Him (2 Cor. 5:6-9). Knowing that there is a future judgement that all must go through and that everything we have done will be examined should be a motivating factor. Over and over the New Testament writers used, by the inspiration of God, the judgment as a motivation factor (1 Pet. 4:17; Rom. 2:3). As Paul is talking about it in this context, he seemingly welcomes it without fear. We all could be in that spiritual place. "By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment" (1 John 4:17a). Love for God and obedience to Him can keep us from the fear of judgement.

Fear is a great motivator. It keeps people from doing a lot of things. Fear is what governments use to control the masses. Fear of monetary penalties, fear of incarceration and fear of death. The Bible says that fear is a tool to be used by governing authorities (Rom. 13:4, 7). Is it any wonder that God

> would use fear? Paul in the context writes, "Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Co. 5:11a). Six times in Proverbs, Solomon mentions the value of the fear of the Lord. He only mentions two things. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 15:33). "The fear of the Lord prolongs life" (Prov. 10:27; 14:27; 19:23). The fear of God has its value. It motivates to

action. Wisdom reacts appropriately to fear, and that action can be life-saving—if not physically, certainly spiritually.

Judgement and fear move us toward the last motivating factor. "For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died" (2 Cor. 5:14). If we have been motivated to serve, we have all gone through being motivated by these factors-judgement, fear, and love. All three have their place, and as we mature, we fear less and love more. John says, "Perfect [mature] love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). Love for God keeps us motivated.

# Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

for the Day

### Mending the broken

After a long day of fishing, the nets of the first century would become stretched and broken in places. If nothing was done about it, future endeavors to catch fish would result in fish just slipping through the nets. So, every day faithful fishermen would spend time "mending their nets," so that they could continue to catch and keep the fish in their nets (Matt. 4:21).

The same Greek word for "mending" is found in Galatians 6:1, in an instruction to New Testament Christians. "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness..." The word "restore" involves that same concept as

"mending" the nets. Do you know that Christians can sometimes "slip through the cracks"? How is that? They get "caught in" sin but no one notices or works to help put them back together and make them complete again in Christ. Fellow Christian, we need to work every day like those fishermen, gently trying to mend and restore those Christians who have fallen into sin. - DS

## What would you write?

Sometimes we read articles and we think: "Well, I wouldn't have said it that way. He/She should have said this. That really didn't have as much impact as it could have or should have." A very wise man told me nearly 30 years ago, "There are many editors and few authors." So, if you are one that thinks "it should be said better" or "it could be said better," then by all means, "Say it."

> But, for any written communication to be taken seriously from you, it must first be "read" in your life. That's why Paul told early Christians, "You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men" (2 Cor. 3:2). People

are going to "read you" first before they "read your words." If your life isn't worth following, your words won't be either.

Is there something your friends need to hear? Is there something your family members need to hear? Then write it (Heb. 13:22; 1 John 2:1). Write them a personal letter. If you're on social media, use that to teach and encourage others. To make an impact in the lives of others, what would you write? -DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



# **Pray for These PBL Members**

**Bonnie Arthur** moved to rehab, no visitors or phone calls

**Casey Bound** injured her knee, scheduled for an MRI on March 30

**Novel Brown** dealing with severe knee pain

Mary Coombs having an outpatient procedure on March 29

**Johnny Davis, Jr.** undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer

**Glen Dawson** started a new treatment for stage 4 lymphoma

**Mike Erickson** now home from the hospital and doing better

Nicole Freseman recovering from an elbow injury

**Diane Leslie** recovering from knee surgery

Peggy Simpkins undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer

Sam Simpkins diagnosed with kidney and bladder cancer

**Giselle Smith** dealing with a number of health issues

Yolanda Stewart having surgery on March 24

Jennifer Walker still recovering from surgeries and hospitalizations



ympathy father, James Mahlbacher, on Tuesday, March 15.

#### **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

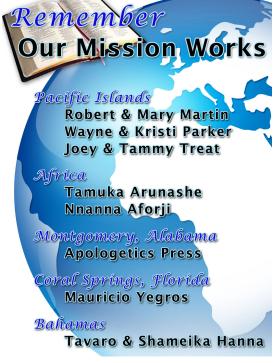
# **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

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

# **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

**Chuck Reeves, Sr.** Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, recovering from a stroke

**Delores Sims** Jimmie Banks' mother, has 4 masses in mastectomy site



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Monday, March 28

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

#### Tuesday, March 29

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

#### Friday, April 1

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring a potluck dish to share.

#### Saturday, April 2

 Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson.

#### Sunday, April 3

 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, April 4

 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, April 9

 PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

#### Sunday, April 10

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

#### Friday, April 15

 Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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 a dessert.



#### Monday, April 4

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

#### Saturday, April 9

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for details.

#### Friday, April 15

 Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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 a dessert.

#### Thursday, April 21

 Ladies' Day at PBL at 6:00 p.m. Carol Dodd will be speaking on "Why Am I Here?" Please RSVP by Monday, April 11.

#### Saturday, April 30

 Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



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#### Saturday, April 16

 Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 10:00 a.m. There will be outdoor games and activities following the hunt. Jr. High should arrive at 9:30 a.m. and bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate in eggs; it will melt). See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

### PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - January 2022

April 3 <sup>(L)</sup>	<b>April 10</b> <sup>(A)</sup>	April 17 <sup>(A)</sup>	April 24 (C)
April 3 😭	April 10 "	April 17 "	April 24 °

Morning Worship S	ervice			
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith	Scott Studer	Jeff Leslie	Ricky Smith
Scripture Reader	Orlando Lolo	Andres Fernandez	Jim Rogers	Stephen Beliech
Presiding at Table	Richard Watson	Dan Fuller	Michael Ellis	Willie Smith
Serving at Table	Tim Cox	Troy Alberga	Lance Collier	Namdidie Ikon
	Namdidie Ikon	Andy Anderson	Kirk Crews	Richard Kelley
	Steward Lynch	Ed Buonadonna	Gorman Ericksen	Orlando Lolo
	Tim Mahlbacher	Errol Gower-Winter	Michael Erickson	Steward Lynch
	Robert Mariano	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jeffery Goodale	Tim Mahlbacher
	Nicholas Pietro	Gary Jenkins	Graysen Hayes	Robert Mariano
	Taylor Reeves	David Lord	Hunter Hinton	Nicholas Pietro
	Vincent Rogers	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jerry Pittman	Taylor Reeves
	Nahum Villard	Gary Seames	Luther Robinson	Vincent Rogers
	Tyler Williams	Brandan Widner	Jonathan Swayne	Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Philip Porter	Freddie Gadson	Josh Blackmer	Victor Colage

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	David Sproule	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Novel Brown	Dirk Summerlot	Johnny Davis	Novel Brown
Scripture Reader	Tim Fry	Daniel Lord	Jimmie Banks	Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry
	Silas Balfour	Devin Eutsey	Connor Goodale	Silas Balfour
Serving at Table	Trey Higbee	Daniel Wagner	Kameron Heitler	Trey Higbee
Closing Prayer	Richard Lerro	Bob Higbee	Joe Maloney	Richard Watson

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Seth Watson	Darin Summerlot	Lawrence Williams	Nahum Villard
	Rick Tibbetts	Daniel Swayne	Kane Campbell	Rick Hall
Usher	Victor Colage	Edward Gager	Marty Williams	Seth Watson

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)







Sunday, March 20



We rejoice with Caila Buonadonna & Todd Juckett who were baptized on Monday, March 21.



Thank you for your prayers and all of your expressions of love and sympathy during our time of bereavement in the loss of our brother, William. Please continue to keep the Jackson family in your prayers.

With love, Jonetta Green & Mary Jackson

Thank you so much for all of the cards, words of encouragement and your prayers during my time of hospitalization and confinement. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as I continue to recuperate.

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Love, Jennifer Walker

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Addison Collins; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. William Irvin; Mrs. Karen Lester; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Mr. Matthew Tucker; Mrs. Jean Tulgestka; Ms. Kimberly Tulgestka & Gabriella; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Kimberly Dodd, Corinth, MS; Mr. Fritz Exantus, West Park, FL; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Peggy Lewis, Columbia, TN; Miss Hannah Lowe, Stonewall, OK; Mr. & Mrs. Kendell & Sandra Stevenson, Okeechobee, FL.



Sunday, March 27th Jerry Hopkins Jerry Pittman

Tuesday, March 29th Cruz Fernandez

Friday, April 1st **Taylor Reeves** 

Saturday, April 2nd Bill & Allison Snyder (Ann.) Lorena Pittman



We will be printing a new church directory ("My Family Album") soon. Please let the office know of any changes in your contact information by emailing office@pblcoc.org.

#### 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 <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

#### Sunday Morning, March 27

Opening Prayer ...... Jeff Goodale Singing ...... Dion Hayes Contribution..... Johnny Davis Scripture Reading ......James Green Singing Sermon Singing Lord's Supper Singing Closing Prayer ......Graysen Hayes

Serve at Table:

Kirk Crews Jeff Leslie Mike Damron Jerry Pittman Mike Ellis **Luther Robinson** Gorman Ericksen Jim Rogers **Hunter Hinton** Marty Williams

#### Sunday Evening, March 27

Opening Prayer	
Singing	Dan McLeod
Contribution	Kane Campbell
Scripture Reading	Jonathan Swayne
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Lord's Supper	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Lawrence Williams
Serve at Table:	

Joe Maloney

Connor Goodale

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Mike Erickson Service Coordinator: Tim Cox Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks

#### Wednesday Evening, March 30

Singing	Graysen Hayes
Invitation	Tim Fry
Family Prayer	Ivan Villard

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Attendance	<u>Mar. 20</u>	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	169	192
Sun. AM Worship	253	259
Sun. PM Worship	106	107
Wed. Bible Study	133	120
Contribution :	\$16,378	\$15,480

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,668



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



#### **Service Schedule**

#### Sunday:

Wednesday:

Bible classes ......... 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Jerry & Shirley Hopkins (2016 Sweetheart Banquet)



# Upcoming Events

#### March 27

Honor Jerry Hopkins' Service As PBL Elder

#### April 21

Ladies' Day with Carol Dodd Theme: "Why Am I Here?"

#### April 24

**New 10-Week Bible Classes Begin** 

#### April 30

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

Theme: "Fellows in His Fellowship"

#### May 1

**Bring-a-Friend Day** with Neal Pollard

Theme: "Jesus Holds the Keys"

#### May 22

**Promotion Sunday & Graduates' Luncheon**