

Shepherds

*Johnny Davis 307-4232
 Dan Fuller 685-4454
 Paul Metzkes 870-8042
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Dan Jenkins 379-2325
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Mike Archer 422-2995
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Thursday, April 21: Ladies' Day

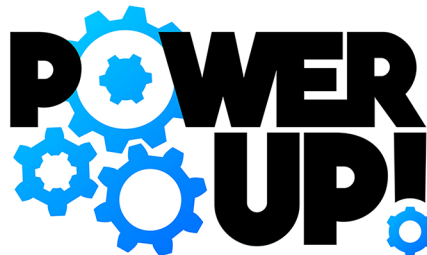


6:00 p.m. Welcome
 6:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Lesson

(Lesson by Judie Jenkins, Cara Blackmer & Traci Sproule)

RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Saturday, April 30: Power Up! for Men



A Recharge for Christian Men

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

15-Minute POWER Lessons by
 Neal Pollard, Lawrence Gilmore,
 Cy Cox & Gale Nelson

Lunch will be served.

RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Sunday, May 1: Friends & Family Day



9:00 a.m. Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. AM Worship
 12:45 p.m. PM Worship

Please turn in lunch order forms
 by Sunday, April 24.



By Dan Jenkins

An Unheralded Woman of Great Faith

The popularity of Jesus early in His time on the earth was so immense. The multitudes followed Him and everywhere He went more were added to the number. Some came out of curiosity, others to be fed by Him with loaves and fishes, but some out of genuine concern for their personal need.

As He was walking to the house of Jairus, whose twelve-year-old daughter was dying, the Bible described those who were around Him. Peter told Jesus, "Master the multitude throng and press You" (Luke 8:45). In that throng was one special woman whose faith that Jesus was truly Emmanuel surpassed the faith of almost all of those there.

She was a woman in a society where women were often viewed as property and were treated with contempt. It is so remarkable how often Jesus in His work interacted with women. His regard for all of them stands in marked contrast to the culture in which He lived.

She was a poor woman. She was sick and had spent all of her money trying to find a cure for illness. That society had little respect for the poor. In fact, even the apostles thought the rich would be at the front of all those who entered the kingdom. When Jesus spoke of how hard it was for them to enter the kingdom (remember what He said about the eye of

the needle) the apostles said, "Who then can be saved?" (Mark 10:26).

She was an unclean woman. The law of Moses paid special attention to the ceremonial uncleanness brought about by the flow of blood this woman had had for twelve years. It is likely that those around her, if they knew of her condition, would have avoided her in every way.

She was a humble woman. She pressed through that mob around Him and approached Him from the rear, hoping to touch the hem of His garment to find healing without being noticed. Her faith was realized and immediately she was cured. There were many garments worn in that crowd, but there was something different about His garment!

She was a woman who told others about what Jesus had done for her. After Jesus had asked, "Who touched Me," she came forward and "...declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately" (Luke 8:47).

She was a woman of great faith. Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well, go in peace" (Luke 8:48). There is a place in His kingdom for the sick, the poor and those treated with disdain by others. There is room for each of us.

We will write more about this next week.

There is room in His kingdom for the sick, the poor and all treated with contempt



By David Sproule

"This Is a Faithful Saying"

Five times in his letters, Paul used the expression, "This is a faithful saying," and all of them are found in his letters to Timothy and Titus. Of course, all Scripture is comprised of the "faithful sayings" of God, but let us see what we can learn from these five truths that Paul identifies as "faithful."

The **first** "faithful saying" focuses on the **PURPOSE OF THE COMING OF CHRIST**. "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15). Didn't Timothy already know that? Of course, he did! But we all need to be reminded regularly that Christ came into this world, not for Himself, but to save sinners like me!

The **second** "faithful saying" focuses on the **PARAMOUNT WORK OF ELDERS**. "This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work" (1 Tim. 3:1). Being an elder is not a high position of honor and nobility. It is not a promotion for successful deacons. It is a position of service, as those who aspire to this "good work" set the work and needs of the church above themselves, indicative of their deep sense of dedication to the Lord.

The **third** "faithful saying" focuses on the **PROFITABLENESS OF SELF-DISCIPLINE**. While it is true that "bodily ex-

ercise profits a little," Christians must "exercise/discipline" themselves "toward godliness. For...godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance" (1 Tim. 4:7-9). We have many goals in life, but to which one are we constantly and rigorously training in order to reach? May we discipline ourselves toward godliness!

The **fourth** "faithful saying" focuses on the **PROMISES OF GOD**. "This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself" (2 Tim. 2:11-13). If we are faithful to Him, we shall "live with Him" here and "reign with Him" in eternity. But, if we are not faithful, He is still faithful and will bring upon us His just consequences. His promises are greater than we deserve!

The **fifth** "faithful saying" focuses on the **PRACTICE OF DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING**. "This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works" (Tit. 3:8). We are busy people. God tells us to be busy and to take the lead in engaging in "good works," which He has detailed for us in Scripture and which should characterize His children.

God's faithful sayings should propel us to faithfulness.

If we are not faithful, He is still faithful!



By Josh Blackmer

Us Versus Them

We've all done this. We make broad brush stroke comments about others. Groups of people are categorized by age, gender, ethnicity, religious beliefs, geographical location, political affiliation, and this list could go on ad nauseam. We can make an "other" or "they" group out of anything that would distinguish ourselves from another human being. We might more commonly refer to this as pigeonholing, but because of the usual negative connotations with this activity, it is also referred to as demonizing or vilifying. "Those people always do _____!" "They don't have a clue!" "We are better than them!" These and other similar comments or thought processes are poison to any group and are not beneficial to anyone.

There are several inherent dangers in this practice. First, we overgeneralize the other group as though they are one homogenous clan not allowing for individual thought or variants in that group. Second, most often these comments are not studied observations but personal assumptions not based on fact. We often find ourselves being absolutely incorrect. Lastly, if left unchecked, false narratives, lies, rumors, dissension and divisiveness are sown. These assumptions get repeated and spread throughout social groups, towns, cities, states and the country. No group is safe from this practice.

Fortunately, there are things we can do to combat the negative influence of vilification. First, we need to recognize that we've been wrong or have done wrong to someone in the past. In the context of being subject and obedient to ruling authorities, Paul told Titus to remind the Christians to "malign [lit. vilify] no one (this included governing authorities), to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. For we also once were..." (Tit. 3:2-3a). This should help to put perspective in our thinking.

We can be a part of the healing so many need.

Second, we need to say and repeat the things that are true and helpful. In the interaction between Jesus and the woman at the well, she said, "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship" (John 4:20). Did you catch that? It was an us versus you all statement. He does correct

her statement, and He teaches her another truth. "True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). What she went on to share was not someone's assumptions of who she was or what she needed to do but the truth of the matter.

Lastly, the responsibility to love our neighbor should keep us from vilifying them (Matt. 23:29; Rom. 13:8-10; 15:1-3). If we can move away from this divisive speech and thinking, we can be a part of the healing so many need, not continued hate.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Close enough" in doctrine is ok, right?

Some preachers are very skilled at what they do. Some are very dynamic and can really keep your attention. Some really know the Scriptures and can make them come alive. But do you realize that many of these so-called "skilled" preachers are in error? Is that a big deal?

The inspired historian Luke tells us of a preacher, named Apollos, who was "an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures" (Acts 18:24). In fact, "he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord," except in one area (18:25). Well, that's not too bad, right? Isn't that "close enough"? The Lord didn't think so. He had Aquila and Priscilla take him aside, and they "explained to him the way of God more accurately" (18:26). Being "right" about "most things" didn't make him "right" in the eyes of God. He needed to be corrected.

Be careful who you listen to. Make sure they speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Otherwise, your soul's salvation is in jeopardy (1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4). – DS



No "watch and wait" in the Golden Rule

Jesus said, "As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them" (Luke 6:31). Do you wish that others would chew you out and curse at you? No? Then don't do that to them! Do you wish that others would make fun of you and laugh at you? No? Then don't do that to them! Do you wish that others would talk about you behind your back? No? Then don't do that to them!

That's the "don't" side of the Golden Rule. What about the "do" side? Do you wish that others would treat you with respect? Yes? Then do that to them! Do you wish that others would say nice things TO you and ABOUT you? Yes? Then do that to and for them! Do you wish that others would take time to do a small act of kindness for you? Yes? Then do that for them! Do you wish that others would go out of their way for you? Yes? Then do that for them!

Too often we sit back and wait to see how others are going to treat us, so that we can decide how to treat them. Jesus didn't say to wait. Jesus said to get up and "do"...even before they do! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	eye surgery was postponed until April 19
Casey Bound	has a torn ACL, determining course of action
Gloria Boyd	has been in rehab after a couple falls
Novel Brown	dealing with severe pain in his knee
Linda Coe	having knee replacement surgery on June 13
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Robin Davis	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatment for stage 4 lymphoma
Dan Johnson	ICU at Gardens Medical Ctr, treatments for an infection
Michael Miley	fell and has several stitches in his back
Owen Miley	epidural injection in his back on April 14
Cheryl Milton	undergoing medical tests
Nick Pietro	recovering from a skin cancer procedure
Sherri Richmond	recovering from a procedure to remove an infected port
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
Jennifer Walker	still recovering from surgeries and hospitalizations

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
Josie Dawson	Joan Holloway
Dianne Frye	Inell Ingram
Terri Hahn	Daniel Johnson
Margie Hardin	Betty Matter
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley



Ed Gager, upon the passing of his father, Herbert Gager, Tuesday, April 12.

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, ICU on ventilator, had a stroke
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, has 4 masses in mastectomy site



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, April 18

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

Tuesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 21

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at PBL** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Why Am I Here?" The lesson will be presented by Judie Jenkins, Cara Blackmer & Traci Sproule. Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Friday-Sunday, April 22-24

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Becoming His Knight." Cost is \$40 per person. Josh Blackmer is the retreat coordinator. Sign up at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, April 23

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron and Southern.

Sunday, April 24

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Saturday, April 30

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Fellows in His Fellowship." Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Sunday, May 1

- ◆ **Friends & Family Day with Neal Pollard.** The theme is "Jesus Holds the Keys." Lunch will be catered from Pollo Tropical. You must place your order with the office before Sunday, April 24. We will not meet at 6:00 p.m. Instead we will meet immediately after lunch at 12:45 p.m.

9:00 a.m.	Keys to Harmony in the Home
10:00 a.m.	Keys to Heaven in Eternity
12:45 p.m.	Keys to Happiness in Life

Monday, May 2

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Thursday, April 21

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at PBL** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Why Am I Here?" The lesson will be presented by Judie Jenkins, Cara Blackmer & Traci Sproule.

Sunday, April 24

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults. Josh Blackmer will be teaching the Young Adult class on "Survey of the Old Testament."

Saturday, April 30

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Fellows in His Fellowship." Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Monday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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Sunday, April 24

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Please bring drinks or desserts. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, April 30

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Your Tell-Tale Heart." Tickets are \$50 per person. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer by Sunday, April 24.

Monday, May 2

- ◆ **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
1 ☆ Friends & Family Day with Neal Pollard a Charles & Rhona Hayes	2 ☆ Men's Meet	3 b Julio Aristy b Bill Ingram, Sr.	4 b Dan Johnson	5 a Taylor & Natalie Reeves b Willie Wilkins b Trina Wright	6 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Rachel Fuller b Johnnie Green b Kaitlin Hinton b Nicholas Pietro	7 ☆ Young Adult Devo
8 ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Young & Family Singing b Jacqui Jenkins b Alice Nelson b Chuck Reeves, Jr. b Jackie Stout	9 b Leigh Puckett	10	11 b John Judd	12 a Jean & Roselette Charles b Brianna Solis	13 b June Pack	14 b Mattie Cox b Carolyn Cullom b Judy Lerro
15 ☆ Shepherds Praying b Pete Brown	16	17	18 a Josh & Cara Blackmer a Rick & Peggy Hall a Jerry & Lorena Pittman b Joan Holloway b Rick Price	19	20 ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Lovetta Harmon	21 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting
22 ☆ Promotion Sunday ☆ High School Graduates' Luncheon ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo a Willie & Mattie Cox a Phylona Patterson b Karly Stone	23 a John & Sue Hoelzer b Natasha Campbell-Flores b Tyler Williams	24	25	26 a Ramon & Ashley Alfaro a Lawrence & Julie Williams b Gloria Boyd b Helen Chapman b Bob Higbee	27 a Bob & Sandi Hanna	28 ☆ VBS Work Day b Margie Hardin b Peggy Simpkins b Gorgeous Symonette
29 ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Fifth Sunday Finger Foods b Grace Judge	30 b Dianne Halenda b Jené Williams	31 a Gary & Angie Seames				

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
April 10



Directory Changes

Bonnie Arthur moved to Ocala to be near her daughter.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss Zakiya McGhiet; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. & Mrs. Radhame & Ria Nunez; Mr. David Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Ms. Cecilia Tipton; and Mr. David Whipple

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Rick Bost, Okeechobee, FL; Ms. Cindy Bowman, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Bert & Anita Brown, Sneedville, TN; Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. Keeron Emmanuel, Wimauma, FL; Ms. Francis Emmanuel, Stone Mountain, GA; Ms. Loma Emmanuel, Stone Mountain, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mrs. Tracy Nutt, Moore, SC; and Mr. & Mrs. Kendell & Sandra Stevenson, Okeechobee, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, April 17th
Joseph Charles

Wednesday, April 20th
David Caudill
Donald Seay

Monday, April 18th
Loni Fuller

Friday, April 22nd
Steward & Rowena Lynch (Ann.)
Amber Villard
Jeremy Maloney
Layla Courts-Buonadonna

Tuesday, April 19th
Sherri Richmond

News & Notes

Beginning on May 8, **our shepherds will be praying** together at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3 on Sundays in May. All members are invited to come and pray with them. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

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, April 17

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper Michael Ellis
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Josh Blackmer

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Graysen Hayes
Kirk Crews	Hunter Hinton
Gorman Ericksen	Jerry Pittman
Michael Erickson	Luther Robinson
Jeff Goodale	Jonathan Swayne

Sunday Evening, April 17

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading Jimmie Banks
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Kameron Heitler

Wednesday Evening, April 20

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Dan McLeod
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 10	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	179	170
Sun. AM Worship	285	261
Sun. PM Worship	118	123
Wed. Bible Study	134	133
Contribution	\$15,260	\$15,882

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$13,304

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

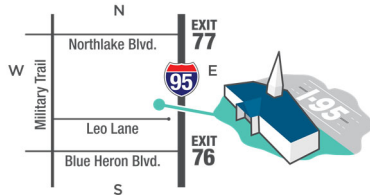
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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: **Andy & Letha Anderson**

New Bible Classes (APRIL 24 – JUNE 29)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Bible Questions & Answers	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
Megachurches in Light of Scripture	David Sproule (Adult 1)
Young Adults: Survey of the Old Testament	Josh Blackmer (Adult 3)
Fundamentals of the Faith	Dan Fuller & Willie Smith (Conf. Room)
Jr. High & Sr. High: Christian Evidences	

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Exodus & Leviticus (Part 1)	Richard Watson (Auditorium)
Short Course in the Restoration Movement	Dan Jenkins (Adult 1)
Jr. High & Sr. High: James, 1 & 2 Peter	