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Jesus



**Holds
the
Keys**

Sunday, May 1

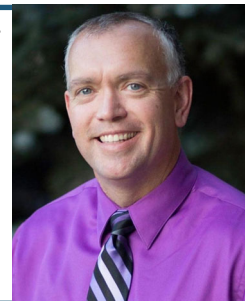
Friends & Family Day w/ Neal Pollard

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

Neal Pollard has been preaching the gospel for over 30 years. He currently preaches for the Lehman Avenue church of Christ in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and he is the speaker for "Light of the World" TV program that airs on NBC in Bowling Green. Neal has spoken in numerous gospel meetings, lectureships and seminars around the country, and he is the author of the book, *Rise Up and Build*. Neal and his wife, Kathy, have three grown sons.





By Dan Jenkins

His Temple Is Being Destroyed Again

The time of the writing of Psalm 74 is unknown for its contents fit into almost every situation when the people of God grieved as they saw the temple in ruins. The psalmist described the holy city and how the sin within God's nation had brought about such dire circumstances.

He described the action of those evil men who entered that sacred temple. "The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary" (v. 3). "They seem like men who lift up axes among the thick trees" (v. 5). "With axes and hammers, they have set fire to Your sanctuary...They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land" (vs. 6-9). Nothing was sacred to those who destroyed God's temple.

Tragically, we live in a day where much the same has again happened to God's holy temple. The Jerusalem temple was destroyed years ago, but our God still has a new temple.

Paul described what happened when the temple (the church) came into that Gentile city. "You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, be-

ing fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord...a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (Eph. 2:19-23). That Old Testament temple was about to be razed, and His New Testament temple was replacing it.

Tragically today, His new temple is suffering the fate of the old. The enemy has entered His holy temple and destroyed much of what Jesus placed there. Far too many of them have destroyed the importance of the Lord's Supper. The early church gathered every week for the express purpose of sharing His supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-33). In most churches in America, there is a weekly assembly to listen to choral groups or to listen to a message by the head pastor who directs that church. "With their axes and hammers" they have destroyed the purpose how His holy temple worshipped.

Those same "axes" have minimized the baptism which unites us with the death of Jesus and His sacred blood. In its place they have produced "the sinner's prayer," which they affirm the moment it is said salvation comes. While the Bible says baptism saves us (1 Pet. 3:21), their axes and hammers are used to say that baptism does not save. While Jesus says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved," they use their axes to say, "He who believes and is NOT baptized will be saved." They destroyed His Old Testament temple, and men are doing the same to the New Testament temple.

Tragically, His new temple is suffering the same fate of the old one.



By David Sproule

Opposite Day Is Not a Good Day

Have you ever played "Opposite Day"? According to Wikipedia, "Opposite Day is a make believe game usually played by children. Conceptually, Opposite Day is a holiday where things are said and done in an opposite manner. It is not a holiday on any calendar, one can declare that today is

Opposite Day (sometimes retroactively) to indicate something which will be said, or has just been said should be understood opposite to its original meaning." While some might have fun with this "game," those who "played it" in the Bible lost every time.

Nadab and Abihu played Opposite Day and lost. As priests, they were responsible before God for taking "a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord," but instead they "offered unauthorized fire before the Lord" (Lev. 16:12; 10:1). As a result, "fire went out from the Lord and devoured them" (10:2). Don't play Opposite Day with God!

Moses played Opposite Day and lost. In Numbers 20, God told Moses, "Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water," but instead "Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod" (Num. 20:8-11). As a result, Moses was not permitted to enter the promised land (20:12). Don't play Opposite Day with God!

King Saul played Opposite Day and lost. God had chosen the tribe of Levi to stand before Him and to offer sacrifices (Deut. 10:8), but instead King Saul (of the tribe of Benjamin) "felt compelled, and offered the burnt offering" himself (1 Sam. 13:9-12). As a result, his kingdom was taken from him (13:13-14). Don't play Opposite Day with God!

Uzzah played Opposite Day and lost. God had specified that the ark of the covenant was to be transported on poles and that "they shall not touch" the ark (Num. 4:15), but instead Uzzah transported the ark on a new cart and "put his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled" (2 Sam. 6:3-6). As a result, "God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God" (6:7). Don't play Opposite Day with God!

Certainly none of us would intentionally play Opposite Day with God! We know that would be a foolish venture! But, is it possible that we do it without even knowing? God tells us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Do we play Opposite Day? God tells us to "repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38), for "baptism saves us" (1 Pet. 3:21). Do we play Opposite Day? God tells us to "sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). Do we play Opposite Day? Everyone who "played" this "game" in the Bible lost. Let us not try it ourselves!

Everyone who "played" this "game" in the Bible lost.



By Josh Blackmer

The Search for Happiness at All Cost

“I simply want to live my life slowly and lay down in a bed of moss with my lover and enjoy the rest of my existence reading books, creating art, and loving myself and the people in my life.” “I don’t have goals. I don’t have ambition. I only want to be attractive.” “I don’t have a dream job because I don’t dream of labor.” These are quotations from various social media outlets that highlight a growing trend of discontentment with the workplace. There are many factors that have made the current work environment challenging. The obvious being the pandemic, recessions, and rising inflation rates. The desire of those coming into the work force is to find a job that doesn’t just pay the bills but fulfills them emotionally. While this article is not about work habits, what we are seeing brings to light a dangerous element in the search for happiness—happiness at all costs.

This quest for personal happiness isn’t new. We see it throughout human history. Even our own nation’s Declaration of Independence, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” While such pursuits are not intrinsically wrong when kept within moral boundaries, that has shifted for our country. Even in our lifetimes we have

seen the ancient landmarks of righteousness that had been tattered with time are now rubble and forgotten. What do we do when a nation has destroyed herself for a lack of knowledge (Hos. 4:6)?

First, take a deep breath. While this is all new for us, it is not new for the righteous people of God that have lived throughout the centuries. We have many brothers and sisters around the globe that have been living in the same conditions or worse for much longer.

Stop looking for heaven on Earth.

Second, we don’t change, and we don’t pander. We need to continue to “speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15). We must “hold fast the form of sound words” (2 Tim. 1:13). If we falter or fail in this, we too have become those that would move the boundaries that God has set.

Third, we must stand. Your family needs defending! Look at the church today. She is not immune to the false ideologies and new standards of right and wrong that infiltrated into our congregations. From the individual family units to the household of God, we must stand up and stand in the gap (Ezek. 22:30; 1 Cor. 15:58; 16:13; Eph. 6:10-11).

The pursuit of happiness cannot be to the peril of our own salvation and those of whom we have charge. Vanity of vanities. True happiness lies in service and contentment with God (Ecc. 12:13; Phil. 4:11). Stop looking for heaven on Earth.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Facial recognition software is anciently old

We might think that facial recognition software is a rather new invention. And, in some respects, it might be, for purposes like police departments identifying suspects or for you to unlock your new phone. But, it’s actually been around for a really, really, really long time.

3,500 years ago, God commanded the Israelites not to use their facial recognition software—that is, the software that was installed in some human minds at that time. Moses, in particular, was told, “You shall not show partiality in judgment” (Deut. 1:17; cf. Ex. 23:3; Deut. 16:19; Prov. 24:23). Literally, the command was, “You shall not recognize faces.” In other words, justice was to be blind. It did not matter what “faces” stood before a judge, each one was to be received equally and fairly and without any kind of partiality of one over another.

How often today do we “recognize faces” and show partiality? How often today do we determine how we will treat someone based upon “facial recognition software” that we have installed in our brains? Disable your facial recognition software today (Jas. 2:1, 9; 3:17)! – DS



“So I have come down to deliver!”

How long had Israel been slaves in Egypt? Well, that depends on who you ask, but by the end of Exodus chapter 2, that generation of Israelites had not known any life except the one there in Egyptian slavery. Do you think they had ever “groaned because of their bondage” before Exodus 2:23? No doubt they regularly groaned and cried out to God because of the daily trials they were facing. And, no doubt, those cries had been heard. But the response from God was one of patiently waiting.

Then, the time came. They “groaned because of their bondage, and they cried out...So God **heard** their groaning, and God **remembered** His covenant...And God **looked** upon the children of Israel...and God **acknowledged** them...And the Lord said, ‘I have surely **seen** the oppression...have **heard** their cry...I **know** their sorrows...So I have **come down to deliver** them” (Ex. 2:23-3:7).

I don’t know what you’re going through and how often you’ve been crying out to God. Just know this. He hears, He cares and He will deliver. Trust Him. And trust His time. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Casey Bound	having ACL surgery on May 10 at JFK North
Gloria Boyd	has been in rehab after a couple falls
Linda Coe	having knee replacement surgery on June 13
Dan Johnson	discharged from the hospital
Cheryl Milton	surgery on May 26 for upper gum and sinus cancer
Angie Seames	undergoing medical tests for issues related to her CMT
Sam Simpkins	surgery on May 4 for his kidney and bladder cancer
Giselle Smith	dealing with a number of health issues
Guadalupe Tipton	outpatient procedure on April 28
Betty White	surgery on June 6 to repair a dislocated disc in her neck
Teresa Williams	having cataract surgery soon



Melissa Shaw, upon the passing of her father, Willie Shaw, on Saturday, April 23.

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Johnny Davis, Jr.	chemo, kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	chemo, stage 4 lymphoma
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer
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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kim Fanfan	Cheryl Floyd's sister, out of the hospital and improving
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, fell and broke her foot
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Betty Story	Glen Dawson's sister, suffered a major stroke
Steve Stout	Jackie Stout's brother, surgery on April 28

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, May 1

- ◆ **Friends & Family Day with Neal Pollard.** The theme is "Jesus Holds the Keys." We will not meet at 6:00 p.m. Instead we will meet immediately after lunch for our "evening" worship at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, May 2

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **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, May 3

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

Friday, May 6

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Tim & Beth Fry. Bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Sunday, May 8

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, May 15

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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.

Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

Saturday, May 28

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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, May 8

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

Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

Saturday, May 21

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Sunday, May 22

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after AM worship.



Imitators of *GOD*

EPHESIANS 5:1

HIS Mercy

MAY

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

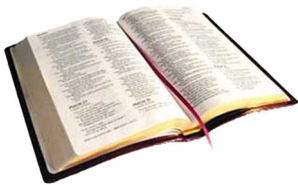
Sunday,
April 24

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Cristhian Cuevas; Mrs. Krystian Dubuisson; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mrs. Karen Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Morris McDaniel; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Ms. Jennifer Walker; and Mr. Samuel Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy & Jennie Bradley, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Bill Cline, Pensacola, FL; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Ms. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christi, TX; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mrs. Kim Moses, Ooltewah, TN; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Jan Yoho, Savannah, GA.

News & Notes

Beginning next Sunday, 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.



"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ."

(Ephesians 2:4-5)

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, May 1st

Charles & Rhona Hayes (Ann.)

Tuesday, May 3rd

Julio Aristy
Bill Ingram, Sr.

Wednesday, May 4th

Dan Johnson

Thursday, May 5th

Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.)
Willie Wilkins
Trina Wright

Friday, May 6th

Rachel Fuller
Johnnie Green
Kaitlin Hinton
Nicholas Pietro

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, May 1

Singing..... Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading..... Bill Ingram, Jr.
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan McLeod
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Andy Anderson E. Gower-Winter
Ed Buonadonna Gary Jenkins
Addison Collins Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Freddie Gadson Gary Seames
Edward Gager Dirk Summerlot

Sunday Evening, May 1

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

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Devin Eutsey

Wednesday Evening, May 4

Singing..... Graysen Hayes
Invitation..... Eugene Williams
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 24	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	170	170
Sun. AM Worship	277	261
Sun. PM Worship	144	123
Wed. Bible Study	136	133
Contribution	\$17,610	\$15,882

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$27,049

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

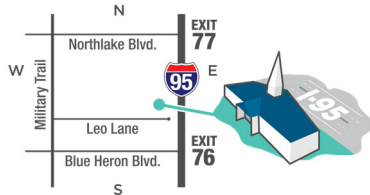
Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Daniel Wagner
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



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.

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**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

June 5-8

First-Century Christianity
in the Twenty-First Century

-  *Speaking where the Bible speaks*
-  *Silent where the Bible is silent*
-  *Calling Bible things by Bible names*
-  *Doing Bible things in Bible ways*

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