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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 5-8

Each night at 7:00 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

Rolling Stones, Dead Rock or a Living Stone

There is a story, the truthfulness of it cannot be confirmed, that illustrates a truth of God taught in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The story tells of that time when Solomon was building the temple. The Bible says that there were 80,000 laborers in the mountains who quarried the stones for the temple (1 Kings 5:15), and these were then moved to Jerusalem. The stones are described as being large (one foundation stone has been discovered that was 38' 9" long and weighed 100 tons), costly and hewn to perfection (1 Kings 5:17).

The most remarkable aspect of the building of this magnificent building was what happened when stones arrived to be put in place. "And the temple...was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built" (1 Kings 6:7).

It is at this point where the unconfirmed story enters. It is said that one stone arrived in Jerusalem, and they laid it aside not knowing where it was to be placed. In that type of building, the most important stone was the one which brought the walls and the roof together—called the cornerstone. The story tells of how later they could not find it, but eventually found the cornerstone they had rejected and laid aside.

You are living stones which have become the temple of God today

Whether that part of the story is true or not has little to do with the application made about the place of Jesus in the building of God's new temple, the church. Peter describes Jesus in this way: "A living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious" (1 Pet. 2:9). The Old Testament background of this is then quoted by Peter. Isaiah prophesied, "Behold I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame...the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (1 Pet. 2:5; Isa. 28:16). The apostle then added to this the words of David, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Psa. 118:22).

What does all of this have to do with us in our day. Look again at the words of Peter. He calls Jesus the *living* stone, rejected by men. The Jews saw Him as dead, but such was far from the truth. Jesus is alive and the chief cornerstone of the church.

But there is more, for Peter describes us. "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5). Every time the world looks down on you, remember how God honored the rejected Chief Cornerstone. We may be rejected by men, but God sees us as the stones who make up His holy temple.



By David Sproule

Where Was God?

Tragedy strikes and the question often asked is, "Where was God?" Atheists challenge Christians in a time of tragedy and say something like, "How could a loving God allow something like this to happen?" So, in the wake of a mass shooting of innocent children, let's consider this question.

The first thing to consider is that God has given free will to each person—i.e., God has given each person on this earth the freedom of choice in how he will live and the actions he will take. If you think about it, isn't that a sign of God's love? Rather than programming us against our will, He gives us freedom. Of course, we don't always like the choices that others make, because choices always have consequences. But, there again, we see the nature of God in that He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), for He doesn't decide who can have the freedom to choose and who cannot. He gives free will to everyone. Thus, the consequences of the actions of others often lead to our own pain and suffering. That does not prove "there is no God" or "God isn't a loving God." It proves that God has given freedom of choice to all.

The second thing to consider is that the existence of evil actually proves the existence of God. In a moment of tragedy, some want to use that to prove that God really doesn't exist. But, if that were true, then how can we explain our eval-

uation of something being "evil"? The only way to conclude that a mass shooting is evil is to have a standard of righteousness with which to compare it. Where does that come from? The answer is God! If there is no God, then there is no sense of right or wrong, good or evil. That embedded sense of right and wrong is evidence for the existence of God, and more than that—evidence for the existence of a loving God.

We have decided that death is the worst possible tragedy

The third thing to consider is that death of an innocent child is not the worst thing that could happen to that child. We think it is, because we have decided that death is the worst possible tragedy. But, is it? We are, as humans, dual-natured creators. We are a spiritual being living inside a physical body. When the physical body dies, the spirit leaves the body (Jas. 2:26) and returns "to God who gave it" (Ecc. 12:7). Our immortal soul is infinitely more valuable than our physical body or physical life (Matt. 16:26). When Paul considered death, he saw it as "gain," for "to depart and be with Christ...is far better" (Phil. 1:21-23). Have we considered that those precious little souls have been "taken away from evil" and have now entered "into peace" (Isa. 57:1-2)?

We grieve deeply for these families. We long for their comfort. But, let us not blame God! Tragedy and death is not His fault! Long ago, man chose to sin against God, and now evil exists in this world and brings horrible tragedy with it. Let us pray. Let us lean on God. Let us help others to turn to Him.



By Josh Blackmer

Former Things

There are certain phrases that have morphed into one word with great meaning. For example, *useta'could* (pronounced *you-sta-culd*). This word has its origin in the phrase, "I used to be able." That changed to, "used to could" and from there it is a short step from becoming one word. This word is used to talk about former abilities. If someone asks you about working out you could respond, "Boy, I *useta'could*, but my back isn't what it once was." The Bible speaks about several former conditions.

"If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth" (Eph. 4:21-24). This former manner of life spoken of here, Peter mentions that it is a state we occupy due to ignorance. "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance" (1 Pet. 1:14). Paul mentions that by learning Christ and laying aside the former things, one can leave the old man of sin in a former state. Once we are aware of a better way to live as we have been called by God, then we are choosing to live in that former

state. Paul describes that state for us. "So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness" (Eph. 4:17-19).

If sin is a former thing, God has promised pain will be a former thing.

If this "former manner of life" can indeed stay former until our death and if during our lives we strove to live in the holiness that God has prescribed for us, then there are some other things that will be former things. "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their

God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away'" (Rev. 21:3-4). How blessed it would be to live in a place where those become former things. Things that we "*useta'could*" but no longer. If we can make sin a former thing in our lives, God has promised he will make the pain of this life a former thing. You are no longer ignorant and must choose to put things behind you. If you have allowed the former things back in, remember your former days of service to God and return.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Got your helmet?

As a soldier puts on his armor, there are some pieces that are put on last (kind of like a football player putting on his protective gear). But the order does not set the value, as a soldier's helmet is absolutely essential to protect his head and his mind, which controls everything that he does and the choices that he makes. This is the place the enemy seeks to infiltrate and control.

For the Christian, his helmet (which protects his mind, his decisions, his actions, etc.) is his salvation. The knowledge and confidence that one (1) has been saved from his past sins by the blood of Christ and is now a "new creature" (2 Cor. 5:17), and (2) continues to be saved by the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7), and (3) will ultimately be saved eternally when Christ returns (1 John 5:13) truly is the helmet that protects one's mind! Thus, Paul identified the helmet as "the hope of salvation" (1 Thess. 5:8).

When we battle with our adversary, we can hold our heads/helmets high that Christ gives us victory through His salvation of our sins! – DS



Got your sword?

As the apostle Paul details the full armor of God that each Christian is to "put on," there are many defensive pieces. One piece stands out as the "offensive weapon" for each Christian—the sword of the Spirit. There are several things to note about this sword.

It is called "the sword of the Spirit," emphasizing that this is the manner in which the Holy Spirit pierces, penetrates and works. The sword is identified as "the Word of God," emphasizing the powerful weapon at our disposal is not anything we say but everything God says. Rather than sheathe the sword, God commands us to "take" it and to wield it both offensively (to teach lost souls and answer questions, Mark 16:15; 1 Pet. 3:15) and defensively (to overpower the devil, overcome temptations and overthrow false doctrines, 1 Pet. 5:8; Psa. 119:11; 2 Tim. 4:1-4).

The "living and powerful" word of God is "sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12). Do we wield it, use it, study it, practice it and apply it? How useless I am as a soldier if I do not! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Christene Bean	recovering from surgery on her neck
Casey Bound	undergoing physical therapy on her knee
Gloria Boyd	has been in rehab after a couple falls
Linda Coe	blood clot in her leg, knee replacement postponed
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
Trudie Holland	fell and has bruised ribs, doing okay
Bill Ingram, Sr.	Jupiter Medical Center (room 424), blood clot in his leg
Robin Landen	Wellington Regional, undergoing tests
Cheryl Milton	recovering from surgery on upper gum and sinus cancer
Angie Seames	diagnosed with early-stage frontotemporal dementia
Sam Simpkins	surgery postponed until June 29
Betty White	surgery on June 6 to repair a dislocated disc in her neck
Teresa Williams	having cataract surgery on June 8 and June 22

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
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	Joan Holloway
Glen & Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Joyce Parker
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley



Johnny & Betty Davis, upon the passing of **Johnny Davis, Jr.** on Saturday, May 21. The Memorial Services will be held at our building on Wednesday, June 1. The viewing will be at 5:00 p.m. followed by the memorial at 5:30 p.m.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, suffered a stroke, now in rehab
Lilly Bates	Victor & Sandy's granddaughter, titanium rod in her leg
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Bobby Tucker	Eva Fulton's brother, suffering with Alzheimer's

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 29

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to come and bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share.

Monday, May 30

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

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, June 3

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

Sunday-Wednesday, June 5-8

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. Please arrive early to register your children. There will be classes for Age 3 thru Grade 5. There will also be a combined class for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults. Please join us for fun lessons, crafts, prizes and cookies.

Sunday, June 12

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Wednesday, June 15

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Kevin Patterson will be speaking on *"The Changed Life."* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Friday, June 17

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. 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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 5-8

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, June 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ivan & Amber Villard.

Friday, June 17

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. 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.

Friday, July 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **Summer Picnic for Grades 5 & Under** at 4:00 p.m. at Lilac Park. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a food item by June 1. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 5-8

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. Please arrive early to register your children. There will be classes for Age 3 thru Grade 5. There will also be a combined class for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults. Please join us for fun lessons, crafts, prizes and cookies.

Friday, June 17

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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - January 2022

June 5 ^(A)

June 12 ^(L)

June 19 ^(S)

June 26 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith	Dan Fuller	Johnny Davis	Richard Watson
Scripture Reader	Taylor Reeves	Paul Metzkes	Jeff Leslie	Robert Mariano
Presiding at Table	Richard Watson	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Goodale	Philip Porter
Serving at Table	Josiah Blackmer	Andy Anderson	Lance Collier	Stephen Beliech
	Namddie Ikon	Ed Buonadonna	Kirk Crews	Josiah Blackmer
	Richard Kelley	Addison Collins	Gorman Ericksen	Trey Higbee
	Orlando Lolo	Devin Eutsey	Michael Erickson	Namddie Ikon
	Steward Lynch	Edward Gager	Kameron Heitler	Richard Kelley
	Tim Mahlbacher	Errol Gower-Winter	Hunter Hinton	Steward Lynch
	Robert Mariano	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Luther Robinson	Tim Mahlbacher
	Nicholas Pietro	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jim Rogers	Vincent Rogers
	Seth Watson	Benny Rodgers	Joseph Snyder	Nahum Villard
	Tyler Williams	Darin Summerlot	Ivan Villard	Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Johnny Davis	Dirk Summerlot	Michael Ellis	Taylor Reeves

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Stephen Beliech	Bob Higbee	John Hoelzer	Novel Brown
Scripture Reader	Tim Fry	Daniel Lord	Graysen Hayes	Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table	Rick Hall	David Lord	Jimmie Banks	Willie Smith
Serving at Table	Silas Balfour	Gary Seames	Connor Goodale	Silas Balfour
	Trey Higbee	Jonathan Swayne	Joe Maloney	Nicholas Pietro
Closing Prayer	Richard Lerro	Daniel Wagner	Lawrence Williams	Tim Fry

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	Jerry Pittman

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Nahum Villard	Brandan Widner	Jerry Pittman	Seth Watson
Usher	Victor Colage	Andres Fernandez	Kane Campbell	Victor Colage
	Vincent Rogers	Daniel Swayne	Marty Williams	Ricky Smith

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Rick Hall

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)

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 22

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. James & Wynona Bowman; Miss Angela Chance; Mr. Cristhian Cuevas; Mrs. Krystian Dubuisson; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller; Mr. Tom Garrison; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mrs. Karen Lester; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey & Lornette Brown, Miramar, FL; Mrs. Esther Lou Bryson, Vancouver, WA; Mrs. Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Libby Harvey, Miami, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; and Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, May 29th

Grace Judge

Monday, May 30th

Dianne Halenda

Jené Williams

Tuesday, May 31st

Gary & Angie Seames (Ann.)

Wednesday, June 1st

Cynthia Ingraham

Melinda Price

Austin Williams

Friday, May June 3rd

Sabrina Clayton

Connor Goodale

Daniel Swayne



Food, Fun & Fellowship

We are having our **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** this Sunday, May 29 after evening worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to come and bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share. Let's enjoy this time fellowshiping together!

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 29

Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading Jeff Goodale
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier Jim Rogers
Gorman Ericksen Joseph Snyder
Michael Erickson Ivan Villard
Hunter Hinton Lawrence Williams
Jerry Pittman Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, May 29

Opening Prayer Young Men
Singing Young Men
Contribution Young Men
Scripture Reading Young Men
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Young Men

Serve at Table:

Young Men

Wednesday Evening, June 1

Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation Robert Lupo
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	May 22	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	177	181
Sun. AM Worship	260	292
Sun. PM Worship	138	122
Wed. Bible Study	122	126
Contribution	\$13,530	\$20,218

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$27,077

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall & Josh Blackmer

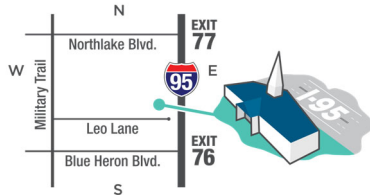
Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Joe Maloney
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



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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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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

May 29

Fifth Sunday Finger Foods

June 5-8

Vacation Bible School

Theme: "Fearless"

June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series

Theme: "Living the Abundant Life"

Speakers: Kevin Patterson, Terry Frizzell,
Terry Casey & Douglas Alvarenga

June 22-26

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women

July 17-23

Jenkins/Blackmer Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

August 13

Charged By Christ with Clint Davison