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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## JUNE 5-8

**Each night at 7:00 p.m.**



By Dan Jenkins

## The Hope For America Lies in the Valley of Achor

The parallel between the demise of the Jewish nation as they headed for captivity and the demise in our land is so striking. We know specifically that God had chosen the nation of Israel and brought them into a land flowing with milk and honey. The remarkable history of America and its elevation

to being a world power in it such a short time is almost unheard of in world history. We are not God's chosen nation, but we have been brought into our land of blessings.

Look carefully at how the Jews responded to their blessings. They lived in the abundance He gave to them, but almost immediately forgot about the One who gave them such blessings. Our land was born under the banner being one nation under God. Isn't it remarkable how our nation is now doing all it can to be one nation *out from under* God!

As the northern kingdom of Israel was about to be destroyed God sent His messenger, Hosea, to make a final appeal. What was that message? Where could that nation who had left God find in hope of reconciliation? Hear the words of Hosea. "I will give her...the valley of Achor as a door of hope" (Hos. 2:17). The hope of Israel was to be found in a valley that was part of the birth of that nation (Josh. 7).

The young nation of Israel had just captured the city of Jericho as God collapsed the walls of that fortified city. He was with them! The joyful prospect of now conquering the rest of the land with God's help was within the heart of every Jew. God had promised that land to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and now He was giving it to them. The pagan nations seemed powerless before Him. To the Jews' amazement, they came to the next city, Ai, and were soundly defeated. What had happened? The answer is found in the valley of Achor.

**Perhaps it is time that America goes to the valley of Achor to find hope**

The nation was not aware that one man had taken some of the spoils of Jericho which had been sanctified as belonging to God and hid them in his tent. The small village of Ai had routed the mighty army of God. Why? Because of the sin of one man. How did God look at that sin? He made it an example for every Jew as they conquered the rest of the land.

What did they do to this man? More importantly, where were they when they dealt with the sin? They stoned that man, Achan, and his entire family. They burned all his possessions and raised a heap of stones as a "memorial" to the importance of dealing with sin. Where was the monument? It was in the valley of Achor (Josh. 7:25-26).

That valley was the only hope Israel had of surviving in Hosea's day. Their failure to deal with sin was their demise. America has left God. Perhaps it is time we go the valley of Achor and find the only hope we have!



By David Sproule

## Why the Story of Peter's Mother-in-Law?

The record of the life of Jesus in the New Testament is filled with interesting events, which may make you wonder why a particular detail or event was mentioned, among so many possibilities. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law is one such event.

Matthew and Luke allot two verses, and Mark (the gospel account which really focuses on the miracles of Jesus) gives it three verses. While there is little told to us in these verses (Matt. 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39), notice how much really is told.

Jesus left the synagogue in Capernaum, where He had been teaching and casting out a demon, and He "entered Simon's house." Mark tells us that Peter's brother, Andrew, also lived there (1:29). So, five men entered the home: Jesus, Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. All three accounts tell us that Peter's wife's mother was "sick." Matthew and Mark both tell us that she was "lying sick with a fever." The physician Luke specified that she "was suffering from a high fever." Mark and Luke indicate that the disciples "told" Jesus about her and "made request of Him concerning her." Now, notice what happens.

Matthew says that it started when Jesus "saw" her. Think about the tenderness of that word. The physician tells us that Jesus "stood over her," like a doctor may come near

and bend over to get closer. Then, Jesus "touched her hand" and "took her by the hand." This is very personal. Jesus then "rebuked the fever" and "lifted her up," and the Bible says that "immediately the fever left her." All three accounts emphasize that she was so completely restored to health that "she arose and served them."

Why is this account of the life of Jesus recorded? What are we to learn from this?

**This brief account reminds us of two immutable truths**

Perhaps this event is recorded for the purpose of showing us that Peter was married (see also 1 Corinthians 9:5). Many want to claim that Peter was the first Pope, yet we are specifically told that Peter (why tell us about him and not the other apostles?) was married. Perhaps God was putting in the Bible the answer to a future false doctrine.

Perhaps Scripture records this incident to teach us that we need to take care of our family, our parents, our in-laws, when such is necessary. He who does not take of his own family "is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:8).

If for no other reason, this brief account reminds us of two immutable truths: Jesus cares! Jesus can! The tender compassion of Jesus pours forth in this text. He has that compassion for you! The power of Jesus to overcome any trouble is clear in this text. He has that power to help you! Thank God for these few verses to remind us of our wonderful Jesus!



By Josh Blackmer

## What They Didn't Know

It is possible that we have been absolutely certain of something only to find that we were wrong. What we don't know can be detrimental and devastating. [God] "dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Ignorance, in this case, is not bliss. At the beginning of the church in Acts 2, there were things that the audience didn't know. After the message they couldn't plead ignorance about the will of God.

It is clear from the text that they didn't understand what was happening. "And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (Acts 2:12). Here are some things they didn't know.

They didn't know this was the fulfillment of prophecy. Peter begins assuring the listeners that the apostles were not drunk, but that this was the pouring out of God's spirit (Acts 2:14-19).

They didn't know they were in sin. The first time we read about "calling on the name of the Lord" is a direct quotation from the prophecy of Joel (Acts 2:21; Joel 2:31). This is

tied directly to salvation. We see this again in connection with Paul in his conversion account. "Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16). Naturally, they would need to understand sin in order to see the need for salvation.

They didn't know that faith in Jesus as the Son of God, repentance, and baptism lead to salvation. Peter spends some time providing a case for the deity of Jesus from Nazareth (Acts 2:22-36). He starts with "Jesus the Nazarene, a man" talking about the miracles that many of them could have witnessed or at least heard about. He ends with, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36).

They didn't know this was God's eternal plan. In Peter's defense of the Christ and the events of that day, he mentions prophecy, acknowledging that was premeditated by God. Also, he mentions that Jesus' delivery into their hands was "by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). This was supposed to happen.

They didn't know that they would be added to the eternal kingdom. Those who were obedient were added (2:41). We see again, "the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved" (2:47). They were added to that eternal plan and salvation that God revealed in their sight.

**What we don't know can hurt us.**



By Robert Lupu  
(Summer Intern)

## Just Admit It! — 2 Samuel 12

You've probably seen this scene in a movie. After many hours of questioning, an interrogation officer moves a light directly into his suspect's eyes. He slams the table and shouts, "Admit it!" The suspect breaks down and pours his heart out. The police get their man, and it's a job well done.

Admitting guilt is not easy. We will go to great lengths to keep our worst sins to ourselves. Because, if we admit our faults, we might hurt our reputation. Or worse, we might have to give them up.

No good comes from keeping sins secret. You rob yourself of an opportunity to repent, and you also open yourself up to more sin. This was King David's great failure. "David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite" (1 Kgs. 15:5, NKJV).

In 2 Samuel 11, David gave in to temptation and took another man's wife for himself. When Bathsheba became pregnant, David didn't do the right thing and admit his guilt. Instead, he looked for ways to cover it up. When his plans failed he sent Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, to die in battle. David then went about his life like nothing had happened. As

far as he was concerned, he got away with it, and no one was the wiser. But the Lord knew.

Because of these sins, David's family was plagued with turmoil including the death of his child. It was only when he was confronted by Nathan, the prophet, that he finally admitted his sin (2 Sam. 12:13). When he did, God forgave him immediately. If David admitted his sin from the start, he would have been saved from far greater sorrow.

It is hard to admit when we do wrong, especially when we think can keep our secret from getting out. Like David, we go about our lives like nothing is wrong, feeling good about ourselves.

God knows the secrets of the heart (Psa. 44:21). Sins have consequences, whether they are found out or not. By refusing to repent of them, we dig a deeper and deeper hole to get out of. But, if we would just admit it, we can make the changes we need to be in a right relationship with God, and He will forgive us (1 Jn. 1:9).

The day will come for each of us when we will be under the light of the Judge of Heaven, and there will no longer be an opportunity to admit our guilt. If you are a Christian and have secret sin, just admit it, and God will forgive you as quickly as He forgave King David. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 1:9).

**Because, if we admit our faults... we might have to give them up.**



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Christene Bean</b>	recovering from surgery on her neck
<b>Casey Bound</b>	undergoing physical therapy on her knee
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	having throat problems
<b>Linda Coe</b>	blood clot in her leg, knee replacement postponed
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
<b>Bill Ingram, Sr.</b>	now in Martin Coast Center for rehab
<b>Robin Landen</b>	now at home, dealing with a blood disorder
<b>Diane Leslie</b>	having knee replacement surgery again on June 7
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering from surgery on upper gum and sinus cancer
<b>Sam Simpkins</b>	surgery postponed until June 29
<b>Betty White</b>	surgery on June 6 to repair a dislocated disc in her neck
<b>Teresa Williams</b>	having cataract surgery on June 8 and June 22
<b>Wesley Williams</b>	dealing with some health issues

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	multiple health issues
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Peggy Simpkins</b>	chemo, rare cancer
<b>Henry Williams</b>	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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Joan Alberga</b>	Ally Alberga's mother, suffered a stroke, now in rehab
<b>Lilly Bates</b>	Victor & Sandy's granddaughter, titanium rod in her leg
<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, another back surgery, Jun 22
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
<b>Bobby Tucker</b>	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-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.

## Tuesday, June 6

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

## 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. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

## Saturday, June 18

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Wednesday, June 22

- ♦ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Frizzell will be speaking on *"The Peaceful Life."* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Thursday, June 23

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

## Sunday, June 26

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.

## Wednesday, June 29

- ♦ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Casey will be speaking on *"The Fruitful Life."* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

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**Young Adults**

## 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.

## Friday, July 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. 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.

## Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ♦ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC.**



**Palm Beach Lakes**  
**Youth**

## 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

- ♦ **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.

## Sunday, June 19

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Parents are welcome. Please bring a dessert or drinks. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

## Wednesday-Saturday, June 22-25

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan, David or Josh for details.





# Imitators of *GOD*

EPHESIANS 5:1

# HIS Truthfulness

JUNE

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
May 29

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ben, Max & Alex Bogner; Miss Angela Chance; Mr. Tom Garrison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Islay Rodriguez; Mr. & Mrs. Quintel & Trellini Smith; Mrs. Lisa Suarez; and Mr. David Whipple.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Jo Ann Campbell, The Villages, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; and Ms. Felicia Singleton, St. Petersburg, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Thank You   
notes

Sunday, June 5th

Lance Collier  
Haley Hall  
Jettie Sweetenburg

Thursday, June 9th

Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)  
Casey & Aisha Commander (Ann.)  
Namdidie Ikon

Monday, June 6th

Andy & Letha Anderson (Ann.)  
Sandy DeVall

Friday, June 10th

Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)  
Errol Gower-Winter  
Kinsey Hayes  
Phyiona Patterson  
Amberdenise Puckett

Tuesday, June 7th

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)  
Ted Friesner  
Maria Hackshaw

Saturday, June 11th

Betsy Donahue  
Richard Watson

Wednesday, June 8th

Maggie Dozier

Dear Palm Beach Lakes Family,

Thank you for all your cards, texts, calls, visits and all gestures of support during my time of bereavement. You have truly been a tremendous blessing!

Melissa Shaw

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I want the congregation to know just how much your prayers and notes of well wishes meant as I was away with knee problems. It's so comforting knowing my sisters and brothers are concerned for me and such a blessing being a part of God's family at Palm Beach Lakes.

Novel Brown

**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, June 5**

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Willie Smith  
Scripture Reading ..... Taylor Reeves  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Richard Watson  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Johnny Davis  
  
Serve at Table:  
Josiah Blackmer      Tim Mahlbacher  
Namdidie Ikon      Robert Mariano  
Richard Kelley      Nicholas Pietro  
Orlando Lolo      Seth Watson  
Steward Lynch      Tyler Williams

**Sunday Evening, June 5**

Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech  
Scripture Reading ..... Tim Fry  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Rick Hall  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Richard Lerro  
  
Serve at Table:  
Silas Balfour      Trey Higbee

**Wednesday Evening, June 8**

Singing ..... Josiah Blackmer  
Invitation ..... Dan Fuller  
Family Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes

**Our Record**

Attendance	May 29	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	168	181
Sun. AM Worship	202	292
Sun. PM Worship	99	122
Wed. Bible Study	128	126
Contribution	\$14,980	\$20,218

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$26,837

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

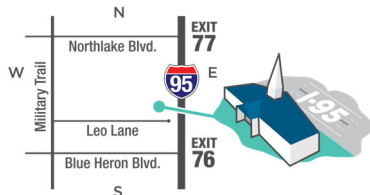
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Vincent Rogers  
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Willard



# 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: **Mary Quinn, Cheryl Floyd & Linda Coe**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Got your praying?

How often have you heard lessons on the armor of God detailed in Ephesians 6? How often have you seen illustrations with arrows pointing to and identifying each piece of armor? There are six pieces, right? Actually, if you stop reading with the sword of the Spirit (the sixth piece) in verse 17, you've missed a most potent weapon available to the soldier of Christ.

Verse 18 continues with the armor of God and the very first word in the verse is "praying." How often have we neglected this piece of our armor—a most powerful weapon in our arsenal? The Lord tells us to put this piece on "ALWAYS." He tells us to be praying always "with ALL prayer and supplication." Do you realize how many different opportunities we have to pray? He tells us to be "watchful with ALL perseverance and supplication for ALL the saints."

As Christians, we are at war "against the wiles of the devil" (6:11). Every piece of armor is essential! Do not neglect to talk to God always, every day about every thing! Prayer will strengthen you, calm you and protect you! – DS



### The days are evil

There are many folks who think that life on this earth is the best thing there is, so they want to "stay" here as long as they can and "get" as much as they can. Interestingly, the Lord warns us that "the days are evil" (Eph. 6:16). The wise Solomon admonished, "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come" (Ecc. 12:1).

Life is full of trouble and temptations that seek to occupy our time and lead us astray from walking with the Lord and doing His will. That is why Paul instructs Christians to (1) "walk circumspectly" (6:15)—looking carefully at how you're living your life and the dangers lurking to sidetrack you. (2) "Redeem the time" (6:16)—buy up every moment you have and make the most of every minute for what really matters. (3) "Understand what the will of the Lord is" (6:17)—make that your top priority.

How are you using your days, especially Monday through Saturday? Is evil winning? Or is God? – DS