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 Phil Porter ..... 575-4782  
 Richard Watson ..... 307-2608

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

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Mike Archer ..... 422-2995  
 David Brown ..... 972-7608  
 Novel Brown ..... 848-6988  
 Victor Colage ..... 719-1490  
 Lance Collier ..... 985-4407  
 Kirk Crews ..... 339-9283  
 Mike Erickson ..... 310-9916  
 Tim Fry ..... 373-9121  
 Jeff Goodale ..... 261-1188  
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## Welcome New Members



Rodriguez, Islay

Group 2

Baptized May 27

## Welcome!

**Our New  
Operations Manager,  
Ivan Villard**

Ivan has been a member at Palm Beach Lakes for 20 years, and he has served as a deacon for the last 3 ½ years. Ivan and his wife, Amber, have been married for 8 years and they have two beautiful children, Lucas and Lilly.



Ivan will be filling many roles as our full-time Operations Manager. He will be responsible for managing administrative matters, the church property, the church's bookkeeping, logistics for church events, and a host of other tasks too numerous to list. We are thankful to have Ivan onboard and look forward to the ways that he will help Palm Beach Lakes thrive in our efforts to serve the Lord and further His cause!



By Dan Jenkins

## Faith Without Works

Our world has totally changed the meaning of what it means to believe in Jesus. What is widely believed is that when I simply say a “sinner’s prayer,” I have become a child of Christ. Those who teach that also believe that when one says that prayer he can never be lost again. How does the Bible use the word “faith”? How does God define it? Is faith simply saying a prayer written by a man, not by God?

James says that the manifestation of faith is not by *saying*, “I have faith,” but by *showing* faith in obedience to what God says. Read James 2:17-26 carefully. Faith without obedience to what God says is dead faith, and James says that dead faith will not save.

Hebrews chapter eleven is the chapter which emphasizes faith more than any other place in the Bible. There is a list which describes the heroes of faith and then shows that faith was far more than just saying words. There is not enough space to fully discuss this in this article, but open your Bible and see what these heroes of faith *did*, not what they *said*.

Verse 4. Abel’s faith offered the worship God specified. He did not just say, “I believe in God.” He worshiped.

Verse 7. Noah’s faith prepared the ark to save his en-

tire family. He did not say, “I believe God; I put my trust in Him.” His faith built the ark.

Verse 8. Abraham’s faith went out from Ur. He did not say, “God spoke to me, I heard His voice.” His faith moved him a thousand miles from the land of his birth.

Verse 9. Abraham’s faith dwelt in tents, and he lived as a sojourner, never again in a house like he could have had in Ur. His faith made him to be a “gypsy.”

Verse 9. Isaac and Jacob’s faith stayed in tents. They could have at any moment returned to the land from which Abraham had come. They stayed (verse 15).

Verses 20-21. Isaac and Jacob’s faith blessed their children, knowing God would use them. Faith is not words said; it is action based on obedience, not just words.

Verses 24-29. Moses’ faith refused to be an Egyptian; chose to suffer; forsook Egypt; kept the Passover; and walked through the Red Sea. It was not just a simple prayer!

Verse 30. Joshua and Israel’s faith marched around Jericho. It was not just words saying, “I believe God has given us this city as a gift of grace.” Faith alone is a dead faith.

What about you? What has your faith brought about in your life? Do you have a living, saving faith?

**Hebrews eleven shows that faith is far more than simply saying words**



By David Sproule

## Jesus Knew He Was Going to the Cross

Was the cross a surprise to Jesus? Did He know that was coming? Some have suggested that the cross was “Satan’s plan” and was “not in God’s plan” or part of “God’s will.” They suggest that God had “an altar” in mind but “crucifixion” was Satan’s idea. Does Scripture support that conclusion?

First, there is the reality that Jesus was crucified by man, no question. God did not kill His Son. But, consider all of the realities surrounding the death of Jesus that were part of God’s redemptive plan and understanding. Jesus was betrayed by a “friend” (Psa. 41:9) for “30 pieces of silver” (Zech. 11:12). He was “hated without a cause” (Psa. 69:4), and He gave His “back” to be struck and was spit upon (Isa. 50:6). He was “rejected” by His own, “stricken,” “oppressed,” “afflicted,” “wounded,” “bruised” (“pierced,” ESV), and “chastised” with “stripes” (Isa. 53:3-7). Yet, “He opened not His mouth” (Isa. 53:7). God knew that all of this was going to happen. It was a part of the redemptive plan. So, how was the cross not part of God’s redemptive plan if all of this was?

Second, consider the prophecies made in the Old Testament surrounding His death. He was associated with “the wicked” and “the transgressors” in His death (Isa. 53:9, 12). Psalm 22 is full of prophetic detail about Him being “forsaken” by His God (22:1), mocked by those who “shoot out the lip”

and “shake the head” (22:7-8), having people “divide” His garments and “cast lots” for them (22:18). Prophecies indicate that He would be given “gall” and “vinegar to drink” (Psa. 69:21). In all of this, “not one” of His bones was “broken” (Psa. 34:20). All of this was prophesied as part of God’s redemptive plan. Are we to believe the cross was not in view?

Third, consider the very explicit prophecies made in the Old Testament and by Jesus Himself regarding the cross. Psalm 22:16 states, “They pierced My hands and My feet.” What does that mean if it is not crucifixion? Zechariah 12:10 also prophesied of Jesus, “whom they pierced.” When “God” (i.e., “Jehovah,” Matt. 3:3) came to this earth (John 1:1, 14; Matt. 1:23), He said that He would “be lifted up” (John 3:14; cf. Num. 21:9). By saying that He would “be lifted up,” John states that Jesus was “signifying by what death He would die” (12:32-33; 18:31-32). Jesus not only knew that they would “mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him” (Mark 10:34), but He knew for certain that they would “crucify” Him (Matt. 20:19). It was in the eternal plan!

Jesus was “foreordained before the foundation of the world” (1 Pet. 1:19-20), as part of “the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God” (Acts 2:23), to be “slain” (Rev. 13:8) for our sins! God did not kill Jesus, anymore than He spit upon Him. But it was all purposed by God (and thus, permitted) to redeem us from the power of the devil! Jesus knew!

**He knew for certain that they would “crucify” Him**





By Josh Blackmer

## Pluto and Our Father of Lights

Images from space have continued to wow from various exploration probes and the new telescope. These new images come with new discoveries about God's creation. One such discovery involves the planet Pluto. In 2006, the space probe New Horizons was launched with the primary mission of observing Pluto. It arrived in 2015 and sent back remarkable photos of Pluto and its moons. The largest moon is named Charon. It is only slightly smaller than Pluto and orbits very closely to the planet. Because of this, they are tidally locked heavenly bodies. Meaning, neither body rotates on an axis. They are locked sharing the same view of one another forever. Also, Charon doesn't spin around Pluto. They both orbit around a point in space in an orbital trajectory around the Sun. It is the equivalent of two people facing across from another on a spinning merry-go-round, then that merry-go-round spinning around in a much larger circle. This means that the two are always looking at one another and never look away. Also, due to this orbital pattern and Pluto's low gravity, materials from Pluto's surface make their way to the surface of Charon. This locked gaze and material transfer reminded me of a passage in the book of James.

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom

there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures" (Jas. 1:17-18).

What lessons can we glean from this passage? First, any truly good thing in our lives comes from God. That is true for everyone, saint or sinner. It is not because we deserve these things but because of His goodness (Matt. 5:44-45).

### Lessons from our Father of lights.

Second, God is our "Father of lights." We are to be children of light. "You were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light" (Eph. 5:8). We have been called "out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9).

Third, the Father of lights doesn't change. If a light source moves its position, then the shadows it casts also change. It is for this reason the passage in James mentions "no variation or shifting shadow." What an immeasurable blessing to serve the God that doesn't change on a whim (Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; Heb. 13:8)! His message is consistent. That means His grace, mercy, love and all His attributes never waver.

Lastly, He created us by His word. Mankind is the "first fruits" of His creation. Despite all the trouble and hurt we have caused Him, He still says we are the best thing He ever made. Looking into your child's face, which father among us wouldn't say the same thing?

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### They turned to God for what?

For what reason do people turn to God? Perhaps some turn to God because they are scared of going to hell. Others probably turn to God so that they can go to heaven. Some turn because they hear about God's love for them and what He did, and they in turn love the Lord and want to be His child. Some turn perhaps out of sense of obligation, or perhaps a sense of guilt. Many (maybe a majority) turn to God because of what they can receive.

When Paul wrote his first letter to the Christians in Thessalonica, he praised them for a number of things, including "how [they] turned to God from idols to SERVE the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1:9). They turned to God for the stated purpose that they might SERVE God! It was NOT just what they could "get out of it"! They turned to God so that they could GIVE back to Him! What a concept! Do we have that heart?

Why did you turn to God? Why do you now belong to God? Is it to SERVE Him? Ponder that for a moment. – DS



### He is NOT your friend!

In Scripture, the devil is called "the wicked one" (Matt. 13:19, 38; Eph. 6:16), "the evil one" (Matt. 6:13; John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3), "a murderer" (John 8:44), "a liar and the father of" lies (John 8:44), "the tempter" (Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5), "your adversary" (1 Pet. 5:8), "a roaring lion" (1 Pet. 5:8), "the accuser" (Rev. 12:10), "the enemy" (Matt. 13:39).

Scripture tells us that the devil "deceives" (2 Cor. 11:3), "corrupts" minds "from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor. 11:3), "takes away the word that is sown" in hearts (Mark 4:15), twists Scripture (Matt. 4:6), "fills hearts" to "lie to God" (Acts 5:3), "hinders" us from some of our efforts for Christ (1 Thess. 2:18; Zech. 3:1), has "cunning" "devices" (Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 2:11), "sows tares" among God's people (Matt. 13:38-39), "transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:13-14), "tempts" us against God (Matt. 4:1-11), and is "seeking" to devour" us (1 Pet. 5:8).

Tell me again, why do we want to play with this guy? "RESIST him...steadfast in the faith" (Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9)! "Do not give the devil an opportunity" (Eph. 4:27)! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Christene Bean</b>	recovering from surgery on her neck
<b>Linda Coe</b>	blood clot in her leg, knee replacement postponed
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	still dealing with covid and other health issues
<b>Robin Landen</b>	now at home, dealing with a blood disorder, very weak
<b>Diane Leslie</b>	recovering from knee replacement surgery
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering from her cancer surgery
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	having colon cancer surgery on June 30
<b>Sam Simpkins</b>	surgery on June 29 for his kidney and bladder cancer
<b>Guadalupe Tipton</b>	recovering from surgery on a liver cyst
<b>Betty White</b>	recovering from surgery on a dislocated disc in her neck
<b>Teresa Williams</b>	recovering from cataract surgery, next one on June 22
<b>Wesley Williams</b>	under Hospice Care at his son's home in Miami

## 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



**Inell Ingram, Debi Watson, Bill Ingram, Jr. and the entire family, upon the passing of Bill Ingram, Sr. on Thursday, June 16.**

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, another back surgery, Jun 22
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, congestive heart failure
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
<b>Quinntavais Smith, Jr.</b>	Willie & Giselle's grandson, having ear surgery on July 6
<b>Bobby Tucker</b>	Eva Fulton's brother, suffering with Alzheimer's
<b>Terry West</b>	Amy West's father, recovering from stent put in his leg

## 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

## Monday, June 20

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

## Tuesday, June 21

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

## 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.

## Sunday, July 3

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium. Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in the Family Room.
- ♦ **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, July 6

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

## Friday, July 8

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

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Friday, July 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. 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.** Counselors and staff volunteers are needed. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Josh Blackmer or Gary Jenkins for details.

### Saturday, July 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Friday, August 19

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



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, June 19

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Parents are invited to stay. 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.

### 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.

### Sunday, July 3

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium. Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in the Family Room.

### Sunday, July 10

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> a Andres & Angelica Fernandez	<b>2</b> a Richard & Debi Watson b Alex Contreras b Misty Hayes
<b>3</b> ☆ <b>Mount Dora Coin Can Deadline</b> ☆ <b>2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin</b> ☆ <b>House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling</b> b Julie Watson	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> b Rachel Byerly b Debora Lynch b Jim Rogers b Amy West	<b>6</b> ☆ <b>"Kick Start Your Summer" with Douglas Alvarenga</b> a Derrick & Stahia Banks b Jeff Goodale	<b>7</b> a Ted & Laura Schuemann	<b>8</b> ☆ <b>Family Group 4 Meeting</b> a Paul & Lisa Metzkes	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> ☆ <b>New Member's Orientation Class</b> ☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b> b John Loftis b Sarah Smedley	<b>11</b> b Cheryl Floyd b Karen Friesner	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> b Novel Brown b Sam Simpkins	<b>14</b> b Kasandra Jones	<b>15</b> ☆ <b>Ladies &amp; Lattes</b> a Robert & Norma Mariano	<b>16</b> b Jim Davis
<b>17</b> ☆ <b>New Bible Classes Begin</b>	<b>18</b> a Chuck & Marisa Reeves b Carolina Beliech b Marian Holland	<b>19</b> a David & Traci Sproule b Jeff Leslie	<b>20</b> b Gorman Ericksen	<b>21</b> a Kirk & Mendy Crews b Sandy Mann	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> b Sarah Collier b Tina Wagner
<b>Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC (17th-23rd)</b>						
<b>24</b> b Dan Jenkins b Rick Tibbetts	<b>25</b> b Kameron Heitler	<b>26</b> b Marsha Beasley b Eva Fulton	<b>27</b> b Willie Cox	<b>28</b> a David & Skye Brown b Joy Cantrell	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> b Victor Colage
<b>Upward Bound at CFBC (23rd-27th)</b>						
<b>31</b> b Robert Mariano						



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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
June 12

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Tom Garrison; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Miss Avery Kobylanski; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. David Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. Garfield Walks; Ms. Suzanne Weber; Mr. David Whipple; and Miss Ashlyn Zubriski.



We rejoice with **Karen Lester**, who was baptized on Sunday, June 12 following morning services.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Sunday, June 19th

Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.)  
Judy Carmack  
Gwen Lyons

Tuesday, June 21st

Ivan & Amber Villard (Ann.)  
Eddie Gooden

Thursday, June 23rd

Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon (Ann.)

Monday, June 20th

Dan & Loni Fuller (Ann.)  
Evetta Wilson

Saturday, June 25th

Rodney Woods

 **Thank You** notes

Dear Palm Beach Lakes Family,

I would like to thank each and every one of my brothers and sisters in Christ for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during my surgery and recovery. May God bless each and every one of you.

Christene Bean

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I want to thank my brethren for your compassion that you showed toward me and my family during our bereavement of my brother, Jefferey Byrd. What is amazing about PBLCO were your love, hugs, cards, calls and texts.

Cheryl Floyd

### 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 19

Sermon  
Singing..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Johnny Davis  
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Leslie  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Jeff Goodale  
Contribution  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Michael Ellis

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Hunter Hinton
Kirk Crews	Luther Robinson
Gorman Ericksen	Jim Rogers
Mike Erickson	Joseph Snyder
Kameron Heitler	Ivan Villard

#### Sunday Evening, June 19

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Opening Prayer ..... John Hoelzer  
Scripture Reading ..... Graysen Hayes  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Jimmie Banks  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Lawrence Williams

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale     Joe Maloney

#### Wednesday Evening, June 22

Singing..... Graysen Hayes  
Invitation..... John Hoelzer  
Family Prayer ..... Dan Fuller

### Our Record

Attendance	June 12	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	157	181
Sun. AM Worship	233	268
Sun. PM Worship	97	124
Wed. Bible Study	126	126
Contribution	\$16,740	\$15,178
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$30,971		

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

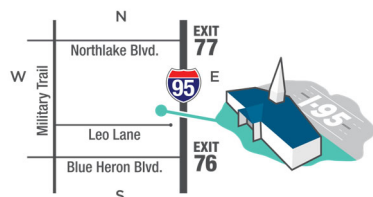
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams  
Safety Team for this week: Jerry Pittman



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*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: **Sarah Collier & Janice Maloney**

## Watch Your Step

By Robert Lupo (Summer Intern)

At some point, you've probably asked yourself, "Where am I going?" Many of us have faced this question when looking at our lives. Our lives are full of big decisions and many of us have doubts about the directions we've taken. We need to be concerned with the paths we take. However, if we focus on "how" we walk, the "where" will be much easier.

In Ephesians 5:1, Paul tells us that we must be imitators of Christ. But how can you be an imitator of a perfect man? Paul says that it's in the way we walk.

"Walk in love as Christ also has loved us" (v. 2-7). This means living sacrificially for the work of the gospel and rejecting worldly lusts. Do we prioritize love?

"Walk as children of light" (v. 8-14). Our lights must shine so brightly that we abstain from all the works of darkness and expose them. Our paths must be guided by light of goodness, righteousness and truth.

"Walk circumspectly" (v. 15-21). Keep your eyes open to unwise living. The wise man doesn't waste his time on fruitless endeavors. He spends it on understanding what the will of the Lord is—not self-gratification, but the glory and honor of God.

We need to watch our steps. Are we following in the footprints of Jesus or the way of Satan?

## LIVING THE

# Abundant LIFE

## Kick Start Your Summer

June 22

## The Peaceful Life

Terry Frizzell (*Stuart*)

June 29

## The Fruitful Life

Terry Casey (*West Broward*)

July 6

## The Prayerful Life

Douglas Alvarenga  
(*Iglesia de Cristo*)