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Welcome New Members



Weber, Suzanne

Group 4

Baptized June 27



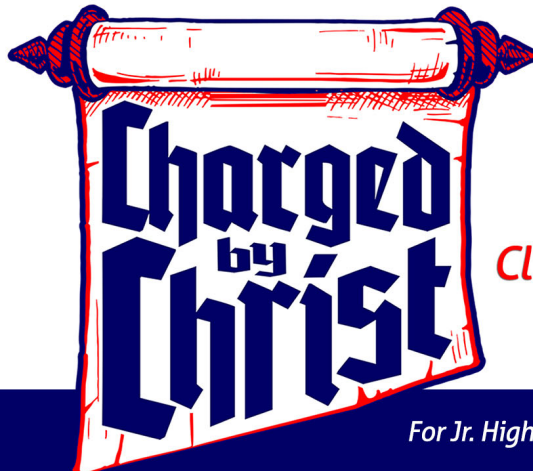
Garrison, Tom

Group 3

Identified July 10

South Florida Youth Summit

Saturday, August 13



**Speaker:
Clint Davison**



*For Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Cost is \$20 for bowling.
Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.*



By Dan Jenkins

A Morning Devotion

Let me share with you an experience I had just a few days ago. I have no idea what prompted it, but the lyrics of a song which I had not thought of for more than seventy years came back to me. They were written on my heart before I entered school, and for some reason, I remembered them.

Where had I learned this song? In my memory I went back to the wooden frame church building at West Huntsville. I recalled what Sunday School classes were like where I went to my "classroom" and what I thought was an anciently old woman taught me. We would often begin the class by singing the same song. These were the lyrics that came to my mind the other day.

*"I washed my hands this morning,
So very clean and white;
And lent them up to Jesus,
To work for Him till night."*

Think of the power of these words and the impact they had on a child. Once these words were written on the heart, how could a child not think of them every time he washed his hands? Hand washing was far more than getting dirt removed from the hands. It was a reminder that those very hands were lent to Jesus to work for Jesus all day long.

**The words of a
song from 75+
years ago still are
part of my heart
and soul**

The song did not end with this thought. There was a chorus, a refrain, which we then sang:

*"Little feet, be careful,
Where you take me to;
Anything for Jesus,
Only let me do."*

What a concept. It brought to a child's mind that wherever he went that day he had committed to do anything for Jesus.

There was a second verse to the song followed by the same refrain:

*I told my ears to listen,
Throughout the live-long day;
For any words of kindness,
My little lips might say."*

Thank you, "Miss Hastings," for teaching me this song and for helping a small child view each day so differently. I am not sure her name was Hastings, but I remember how she sat with her open Bible and told me stories about what God had done. She had no flannelgraph, no visual aids—nothing like we have today—but I can still see her with the Bible in her lap trying to help children.

So, when you "wash your hands this morning," think about using hands, feet, ears and lips for Him today!



By David Sproule

Baptism of Fire? No, Thank You!

It is critically important to understand things in the Bible in the way that they were written to be understood. There are some religious teachers who would suggest that the baptism of fire is a good thing and something for which we should long. However, that is not what Scripture teaches.

Let's study what the Bible says in Matthew 3:11.

The Bible student should notice the setting. The preaching of John was leading many people to be baptized. When "many of the Pharisees and Sadducees" came to his baptism, John warned them of the dangers that awaited them if they did not repent (Matt. 3:7-12). In the midst of this warning, John made this statement about Jesus: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (3:11).

The Bible student should define terms. The Greek word *baptizo* means to "dip, submerge, immerse." Jesus was going to immerse individuals in the Holy Spirit and in fire. The definitions themselves draw into question one being BOTH immersed in the Holy Spirit and immersed in fire.

The Bible student should keep the verse in its context. There are some who believe that the "baptism of fire" is a desirable activity, and they tie it to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They speak about the purifying nature of fire and suggest that

**Fire is not any-
thing that any
righteous person
would want to
experience**

is what happens when one is baptized with the Holy Spirit.

First, regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Scripture only accounts for two occasions when that took place: in Acts 2, when the Jewish apostles were immersed in the Holy Spirit; and in Acts 10, when the Gentiles were immersed in the Holy Spirit (see Acts 11:15). The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not available to man today, as it is not the "one baptism" (Eph. 4:5). And the "baptism of fire" is not the fire associated with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as that fire merely "sat upon" them (Acts 2:3), rather than immersing them.

Second, put "baptize you with fire" (Matt. 3:11) into its immediate context. In the verse *before* it, unfruitful tress would be cast into the "fire." That's the eternal judgment of God against evil. In the verse *after* it, the chaff would be burned up with unquenchable "fire." That's the eternal judgment of God against evil. If the "fire" in the verse before is God's judgment and the "fire" in the verse after is God's judgment, then the fire of the "baptism of fire" must also be God's judgment.

The Bible student will conclude that the baptism of (i.e., the immersion in) fire is not anything that any righteous person would want to experience, when God "casts" the unrighteous "into the furnace of fire" (Matt. 13:42, 50). Let's make sure to study and understand the Bible in the way God intended, and let us flee from the wrath of baptism in fire.



By Josh Blackmer

A Psalm For Life

When you get a new Bible as a gift, many times it is signed by the giver. Often, they might cite or quote a passage they think is important or helpful. This happened for me, and the passage that was referenced is one that I have gone back to over and over again in my life. No matter my age or situation, it has been a constant help and reminder.

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers” (Psa. 1:1)! This verse was written with great exclamation. Literally it is, “O the happiness of the one that...” It is not just a pious statement of depriving oneself of corrupt company but a statement of the happiness that comes when they are avoided.

“But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night” (Psa. 1:2). Joy or delight is found not in corrupt company and any their exploits but in the word of the Lord—the delight of a life lived in close connection with God’s guidance.

“He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers” (Psa. 1:3). Then, we are reminded of the results of that kind of life. Be careful

that we read this in the right context. This is not a health and wealth gospel. If we are living our life in step with the Lord, bad things will still happen and not everything will go our way. Look at the life of Paul, for example. However, the prosperity that we seek needs to be seen in the context of the spiritual reward that we seek.

“The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish” (Psa. 1:4-6). Lastly, we are reminded that the results of not following after God are the opposite of the righteous life. The fact that judgment is mentioned and not simply stating what they do won’t prosper means that the spiritual realm is what is in focus and not wealth and prosperity that many might emphasize. The unrighteous will not be numbered among God’s special treasure. This is yet another reminder that there is not a third gray area with God. You are either His righteous one or a sinner and alienated from His promises of future glory.

This has been a great passage to help keep my focus and priorities right. Not all that shimmers is gold. We get to live the best life walking with God. I challenge you to find your touchstone passage that is memorized and on quick recall.

I challenge you to find your touchstone passage.



By Robert Lupu
(Summer Intern)

Bringing Evil Into the Home

In an article by Victoria Shupryt from KOAT Action News comes the headline, “12-year-old Dies of Fentanyl Overdose, Mother and Grandmother Charged in Death.” It would be difficult to imagine anyone being unphased by such a title. There is not much left to wonder about what happened in this incident. The article reports,

“the family has a history with drug abuse and neglect and that family members provided drugs and alcohol to the boy” (Shupryt). How could a mother and grandmother do such a terrible thing?

Bringing drugs into the home and providing them to a child is an extreme case. No Christian would condone such a thing. However, many Christian parents today bring all sorts of harmful materials into their home and expose their children to them without a second thought. Their children have nearly unrestricted access to all the evils found on the internet and video streaming services. They put a phone in their pocket and don’t check to see what videos they view on TikTok or what pictures they’re sending or receiving on Snapchat.

Exposure to pornography is devastating to young minds. According to the American College of Pediatricians, children who watch pornographic material experience

“...increased rates of depression, anxiety, acting out and violent behavior, younger age of sexual debut, sexual promiscuity, increased risk of teen pregnancy, and a distorted view of relationships between men and women.”

Parents have an obligation to “train up a child in the way he should go...” (Prov. 22:6), but we are welcoming the worst kinds of evil directly through our front doors and into our children’s pockets. We need to rethink what we allow on the screens of our televisions and cellphones.

We must “abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22). If we neglect our children, we will face the Lord’s judgment. “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6).

If we want to protect our children, then we need to reconsider everything that we have exposed them to. What movies do you allow them to watch? What shows are you allowing them to stream? Does it contain sexual content? Is the content you’ve approved for them more likely to cause them to draw closer to God or to seek out more and more perverse sexual content? Do you check their search history? Does the browser on their phone have firewalls for pornographic websites? Are you bringing evil into the home?

We are welcoming the worst kinds of evil directly through our front doors.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Joyce Barnhouse | home from the hospital |
| Jordan Beasley | recovering at home from hospitalization |
| Linda Coe | dealing with health issues |
| Glen Dawson | finished new chemo treatment, stage 4 lymphoma |
| Judie Jenkins | recovering from back surgery |
| Diane Leslie | recovering from knee replacement surgery |
| Gwen Lyons | fell and fractured her ankle again, in JFK for surgery |
| Maurine Reed | recovering from colon cancer surgery, still in hospital |
| Sherri Richmond | surgery to place arterial stent in her leg on July 21 |
| Sam Simpkins | recovering from surgery for kidney and bladder cancer |
| Betty White | recovering from neck surgery |
| Wesley Williams | under Hospice Care at his son's home in Miami |

Ongoing Health Issues

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 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

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|---------------------|----------------|
| 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

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| Rochelle Lord | David Lord's mother, surgery on broken humerus |
| Radhame Nunez | Daisy Lord's father, having tests run on his liver |

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, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

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

Saturday, July 30

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

Sunday, July 31

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Friday-Wednesday, August 5-10

- ◆ **Homecoming & Gospel Meeting hosted by the Gifford congregation.** Demetrius Bryant (Ft. Pierce) will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

Sunday, August 7

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Friday-Monday, August 12-15

- ◆ **Marsh Harbour Mission Trip.** Please pray for those who will be going over to encourage our brethren in the Bahamas. See Jeff Leslie for more information.

Sunday, August 14

- ◆ **Guest Speaker, Clint Davison,** will be speaking at 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Jr. High & up will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **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.

Friday, August 19

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Saturday, July 30

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Darin & Cindy Summerlot. Bring sides, desserts and drinks. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday, August 7

- ◆ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Friday, August 19

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

Saturday August 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Watson. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, August 7

- ◆ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Saturday, August 13

- ◆ **Charged By Christ with Clint Davison** from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. This year's theme is "Shine On." Bowling will be from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. Cost for bowling is \$20. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Sunday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 28

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. Location TBD. See Josh Blackmer for more details.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 a Rick & Betsy Donahue b Stephen Beliech b Karen Lester b Allison Roman b Seth Watson b Henry Williams | 4 b Sharon Masciarelli | 5 a Roy & Charlene Knowles | 6 b Lena Gadson |
| 7 ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Back-to-School Ice Cream Social a Jeff & Jennifer Goodale b Kirk Crews | 8 a Silas & Debora Lynch b Mary Porter b Gary Seames | 9 | 10 a Phil & Mary Porter b Paulette Cole b Loretta Holaday b Dan McLeod b Paul Metzkes b Cody Price b Wesley Williams | 11 b Letha Anderson | 12 b Loretta James | 13 ☆ Charged By Christ with Clint Davison |
| Homecoming & Gospel Meeting hosted by Gifford (August 5-10) | | | | Marsh Harbour Mission Trip (12-15) | | |
| 14 ☆ Guest Speaker: Clint Davison ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Mike & Donna Erickson | 15 a Tim & Beth Fry b Carolyn Lord b Buzz Nelson | 16 b Chad Morgan | 17 b Jonathan Swayne | 18 b Melissa Shaw b Benny Rodgers b Deboria Walker | 19 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting ☆ Ladies & Lattes a David & Mary A. Jackson | 20 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Josiah Blackmer |
| 21 ☆ Shepherds Praying b Josie Dawson b Bettye King | 22 b Nicole Freseman | 23 a Orlando & Lilly Lolo b Skye Brown b Vita Chery b Tom Garrison b Inell Ingram | 24 b Sandi Hanna b Turkessa Staley | 25 | 26 | 27 ☆ Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting b Daniel Lord b Allison Snyder b Whitney Williams |
| 28 ☆ Tavaro Hanna Mission Report ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo a Darin & Cindy Summerlot | 29 b Jordan Beasley | 30 a Dion & Misty Hayes b Mary Brown | 31 a Dan & Luann McLeod a Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro b Trey Higbee b Cherylann Wineinger | | | |

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
July 17

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Charles Benitez; Miss Angela Chance; Mr. Cris Cuevas; Mrs. Krystian Dubuisson; Mr. Connor & Miss Brenda Giffin; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Collin Kato; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. David Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Trellini Smith; and Ms. Kimberly Tulgestka.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christi, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; and Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL.



Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, July 24th

Dan Jenkins
Rick Tibbetts

Wednesday, July 27th

Willie Cox

Monday, July 25th

Kameron Heitler

Thursday, July 28th

David & Skye Brown (Ann.)

Tuesday, July 26th

Marsha Beasley
Eva Fulton

Saturday, July 30th

Victor Colage

Words cannot completely express our appreciation for the love, hugs, cards, flowers, words of encouragement and prayers during dad's short illness and passing. Our prayers are that God will continue to bless His church family at Palm Beach Lakes.

Love,
The Family of Bill Ingram, Sr.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers concerning the passing of my father.

I am so very, very thankful and appreciative for all the prayers, cards, calls, texts, visits and food you provided me during my surgery and recovery. I love you all so very much.

Cheryl Milton

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, July 24

Singing Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper Paul Metzkes
Singing
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading Bill Ingram, Jr.
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Serve at Table:
Ed Buonadonna Gary Jenkins
Addison Collins Daniel Lord
Devin Eutsey Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Freddie Gadson Benny Rodgers
Edward Gager Brandon Widner

Sunday Evening, July 24

Singing Dan McLeod
Lord's Supper Darin Summerlot
Singing
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Daniel Swayne
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Lord

Serve at Table:
Gary Seames Jonathan Swayne

Wednesday Evening, July 27

Singing Dion Hayes
Invitation Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer Kirk Crews

Our Record

| Attendance | July 10 | June Avg |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 131 | 176 |
| Sun. AM Worship | 208 | 251 |
| Sun. PM Worship | 101 | 130 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 128 | 143 |
| Contribution | \$14,385 | \$15,683 |

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$34,690

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

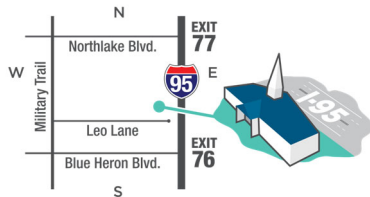
Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Bob Higbee



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: Sofia Buonadonna & Layla Courts-Buonadonna

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

If you don't know or check it, you'll believe it

I may have misheard this. The morning traffic report on the radio said that there was an accident on the Beeline Highway at Lake Worth Road. Some people would completely disregard because they're not on the road that day. Others would believe the report, as it is coming from a professional who knows what he's talking about—why question him? Still others would realize that those two roads are nowhere near each other, so the reporter was wrong.

Hearing this report on the radio made me think of how some folks handle Biblical teaching that they hear. Some folks completely disregard it, as they are not interested. Other folks believe what a preacher or "knowledgeable Bible student" says, as it is coming from someone who "knows what they're talking about." Still others listen carefully and critically to what is said and then check "the road map" (i.e., the Bible) to see if what is being said is "actually so."

Which hearer are you? I may have misheard the radio report. Do you ever check what you hear? – DS



When your temptation starts calling

If a snake came and talked to you and offered you a piece of food that your Physician had forbidden you to eat, would you give in? Sometimes we are quick to judge. First, we may think, "Who in the world would pay attention to a talking snake?" (Yet, we have another man in the Bible arguing with a talking donkey.) Second, we may think, "Staying away from that one food would be so easy, when there are so many others to eat." (Yet, staying away from temptation is often very difficult, even when it may seem obvious to others.)

Paul tells us that Satan "transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14). In his "craftiness" (11:3), he can make a lie sound like a truth (Gen. 3:4). He can make a stone look like a good meal (Matt. 4:3). Others may look at your temptations and think, "That's silly." But a temptation is a temptation to the person to whom it is tempting.

Our job is to not be "ignorant of his devices," so that he cannot "take advantage of us" (2 Cor. 2:11). Then, we need to "resist" him and "draw near to God" (Jas. 4:7-8). – DS