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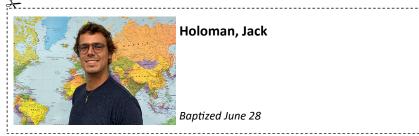
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# Welcome New Members





## South Florida Youth Summit





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

### Not Many Mighty and Noble Are Called—Why?

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to His words



The words of Paul to the Corinthians reveal so much about the response to the gospel when the lost hear it. "For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called" (1 Cor. 2:26). Why is this true? All of mankind is invited to come to

Jesus, but so many of the mighty and noble do not answer the invitation. Much can be learned by looking at those who were mighty or noble who did respond. The gospel is for

There were those whom the Bible describes as noble who did respond. John chapter four describes a nobleman who lived in Capernaum and traveled more than twenty miles to see Jesus in Ca- noble must listen na. His child was dying, and he begged Jesus to come and heal his son. Jesus told him to return home for

his son would be healed. "So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went on his way" (John 4:50). Read it carefully. Unlike most who are noble and do not respond, this man responded because he believed the word of Jesus. Every noble man who believes and obeys the teaching of Jesus will be saved. Those who do not will be lost—not because they are noble but because they fail to listen to Jesus.

What about the mighty? The mighty are those whose position in life has placed them above others. An example of this would be centurions, the Roman officers who commanded a hundred soldiers. Why is it that some centurions responded and realized who Jesus was?

Matthew chapter eight and Luke chapter seven describe a centurion who lived in Capernaum. He had used his own money to build a synagogue for the Jews. He sent the elders among the Jews to ask Jesus to heal his sick servant. As Jesus approached his house, the centurion gave this message

> to Jesus. "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof." He was a mighty man but realized the Mighty One. He said, "I did not think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed."

> How did Jesus describe this mighty man? The Lord turned to that crowd who was following Him and said, "I say to you, I have not found such

great faith, not even in Israel" (Luke 7:9). Why did this man, this powerful soldier, find such favor from the Lord? His great faith was verbalized when he said that all that was needed was for Jesus to simply say the word. Mighty men whose hearts respond to the words of Jesus will be among those who are called and become the chosen (Matt. 22:14).

The gospel is for all mankind, but only those who are humble enough to listen to the words of Jesus will become the chosen people of God.



### **Immediately Jesus**

The key word in Mark's account of the gospel (at least the term that appears over and over in the book) is the word "immediately." It is a fun exercise to trace that word through the book of Mark. But knowing how often it appears in that book By David Sproule makes it intriguing to see the word used re-

peatedly in other books, where it is not considered "a key word." In Matthew's recording of Jesus walking on the water, the word "immediately" is found three times. What is especially fascinating and encouraging about these three uses is the word that occurs after "immediately" every single time. Think about this; don't let this thought escape you too fast. Three times Matthew says, "Immediately Jesus." every single time Let's consider what we can learn from this.

Verse 22 (of Matthew 14) says, "Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away." It was evening time. Earlier in the day, Jesus received news about the beheading of John the Baptist, and He "departed" to a "deserted placed by Himself" (14:13). But the multitudes "followed Him." Jesus' alone time was interrupted, and He fed the 5,000 men. But Jesus had not had time to grieve for His dear friend. He needed to talk to His Father. So, the "immediately Jesus" is here to lead into Jesus going "up on the mountain by Himself to pray" (14:23). He could not wait anymore. "He was alone there" on the mountain to spend time with His Father.

Verse 27 says, "But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.'" The intervening verses tell about the disciples getting caught in a storm in the middle of the Sea of Galilee in the middle of the night. Jesus was alone with His Father, but when His friends were in trouble, He went to them. When they were fearful,

> "immediately Jesus" spoke so that they could hear His voice and calm their anxieties.

> Verse 31 says, "And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him..." Jesus had been walking on the water to get to His disciples and then Peter, by faith, got out and walked on the water toward Him. But Peter took His eyes off of Jesus and in a panicked and sinking cry, called out, "Lord, save

me!" Without any delay, "immediately Jesus" saved him.

There is so much we can learn from our "immediately Jesus." Jesus could not wait any longer to spend time with His Father. "Immediately Jesus" moved everything from His schedule and made it happen. When we are in trouble, "immediately Jesus" will be there to calm our fears. When we have lost faith in Him but then realize our dangerous path, "immediately Jesus" will stretch out and save us. Aren't you glad that you have an "immediately Jesus" as your Friend?

The word that occurs after "immediately"



### Who Is Able to Stand?

God is always looking for those that are standing for what is right or standing in the gap (Ezek. 22:30). God has given us what is needed to be able to stand today and stand forever.

By Josh Blackmer

Preparation is key to any endeavor, especially when it is connected to our service

to God. It would make sense then that God has given us the tools to stand prepared in this life. "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to If we stand now, stand firm against the schemes of the devil... Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore..." (Eph. 6:10-14). The full armor of God is so

that we can stand firm. In this passage, we are told what it is for and then given the imperative to use it. The application of such a passage is readily available. God asks us to stand, expects us to stand and gives us the tools by which we can stand in this life against the influences of Satan.

How will I be able to stand in the judgment? God has yet again provided. With the opening of the sixth seal in the book of Revelation, we are given an image of judgment. All the bad things that were commonly associated with end times were mentioned, and then "they said to the mountains and to the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Rev. 6:16-17). The last question-"Who is able to stand in the face of the judgment of the Lamb?"—is as much a statement of despair as it is a question. Yet, it is answered in chapter seven.

> "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'... Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, 'These who are clothed in the white robes, who

are they, and where have they come from?'...These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb...They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Rev. 7:9-17). If we stand now and fight the good fight, we are promised that we will stand forever in eternity with Him.

### Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### What a pearl!

Jesus wanted His disciples to know what the church (i.e., the kingdom) would be like, describing its many aspects through parables, including its immeasurable value. In one parable, Jesus said that His church is "like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls" (Matt. 13:45). Do you know anyone who is searching for truth? What a beautiful pearl! But notice what Jesus said this merchant found.

He "found one pearl of great price" (13:46). He found what? The pearl he found was of "great price"! Its value superseded everything else that he found! What did this pearl represent? It was the kingdom/church. Now look again.

How many pearls did the merchant find? Exactly! He found ONE pearl of great price. There is only one church/kingdom (Eph. 4:4)! And, when he found it, he realized what he had, so he "sold all that he had and bought it."

The church of Christ is that one pearl of great price! It was bought with the precious blood of Christ (Acts 20:28)! When true searchers find it, they recognize its unique value and must have it! – DS



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forever.

### No one knows!

For nearly 2,000 years, men have been trying to predict the date when Christ will return a second time, judge the world and usher in eternity. Some of the more well-known predicters have been among the Jehovah's Witnesses, prophesying dates in 1874, 1914 and 1925 (among some of the dates they have suggested). A more modern effort was made by a man

> named Harold Camping who predicted May 21, 2011, and then moved it to another date when it didn't happen that day. These are only a few of the myriads who have made such attempts.

> Aren't you glad that Jesus made this so simple? He plainly taught, "But of that day and hour no

one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matt. 24:36). Therefore, whenever you hear anyone say they have figured out the date or even that they see "signs" that it's nearly here, you "know" that "no one knows."

Jesus then said, "Therefore you also be ready...watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is" (Matt. 24:44; Mark 13:33). – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers

### **Pray for These PBL Members**

Jordan Beasley	recovering at home from hospitalization
Glen Dawson	recovering at home from recent hospitalization
Judie Jenkins	recovering from back surgery
David Lord	St. Mary's, car accident, fractured pelvis and broken ribs
Gwen Lyons	Woodlake Rehab Ctr, recovering from broken ankle
Cheryl Milton	Good Sam. Med. Ctr., undergoing tests for an infection
Maurine Reed	Signature Healthcare in Lake Worth for rehab
Sherri Richmond	recovering from a stent procedure
Sam Simpkins	recovering from surgery for kidney and bladder cancer
Betty White	recovering from neck surgery

### **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**

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- Joan Holloway Inell Ingram Daniel Johnson Betty Matter Joyce Parker Ricky Smedley

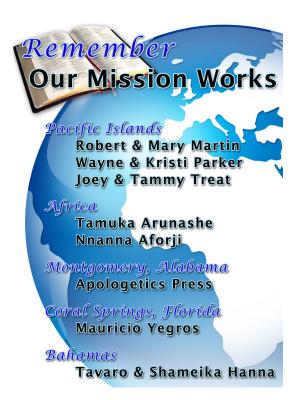
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**Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members** 

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

away on Thursday, July 21.

the family of Wesley Williams, who passed



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

### 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.

### Monday, August 1

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

### Tuesday, August 2

 Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. 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.

### Sunday, August 7 (cont.)

• 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, Sr. High and all adults 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. at the home of Ally Alberga. Bring a potluck dish to share.

# Young Adults

### 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.

### Friday, September 9

• 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.

Palm Beach Lakes

### 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 encourage 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.

### PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - August 2022

	August 7 <sup>(C)</sup>	August 14 <sup>(A)</sup>	August 21 <sup>(L)</sup>	August 28 <sup>(A)</sup>
Morning Worship	Service			
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Richard Watson	Darin Summerlot	Jeff Leslie	Philip Porter
Scripture Reader	Taylor Reeves	David Lord	Michael Ellis	Ricky Smith
Presiding at Table	Novel Brown	Dirk Summerlot	Kirk Crews	Willie Smith
Serving at Table	Stephen Beliech	Troy Alberga	Lance Collier	Tom Garrison
-	Josiah Blackmer	Ed Buonadonna	Gorman Ericksen	Namdidie Ikon
	Tim Cox	Mike Damron	Michael Erickson	Richard Kelley
	Tom Garrison	Devin Eutsey	Kameron Heitler	Steward Lynch
	Trey Higbee	Andres Fernandez	Hunter Hinton	Robert Mariano
	Namdidie Ikon	Freddie Gadson	Joe Maloney	Nicholas Pietro
	Richard Kelley	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Islay Rodriguez	Taylor Reeves
	Robert Mariano	Robert Mariano	Jim Rogers	Vincent Rogers
	Vincent Rogers	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Joseph Snyder	Nahum Villard
	Tyler Williams	Islay Rodriguez	Marty Williams	Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Tim Fry	Gary Jenkins	Jimmie Banks	Orlando Lolo

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	David Sproule	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Victor Colage	Paul Metzkes	Johnny Davis	Novel Brown
Scripture Reader	Willie Smith	Dan Fuller	Lawrence Williams	Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table	Philip Porter	Bob Higbee	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry
	Silas Balfour	Daniel Wagner	Connor Goodale	Silas Balfour
Serving at Table	Nicholas Pietro	Leonard Williams	Luther Robinson	Trey Higbee
Closing Prayer	Richard Lerro	Daniel Lord	Jeff Goodale	Richard Watson

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Scott Studer	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Nahum Villard	Brandan Widner	David Lord	Seth Watson
	Rick Hall	Victor Colage	Kane Campbell	Victor Colage
Usher	Seth Watson	Daniel Swayne	Graysen Hayes	Tim Mahlbacher

Service Coordinator (	Sunday Morning &	Evening)		
В	ob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

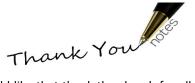
Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

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 WILL BE BACK Soon



I would like that thank the church for all the love and support, prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my hospital visit.

In Christ, David Brown



Thank you to all who contributed by filling a coin can for Mount Dora Children's Home. Palm Beach Lakes helped to raise over \$650 to send to them. To God be the Glory!



Sunday, July 24

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Cris Cuevas; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Krystian Dubuisson; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Morris McDaniel; Mr. David Payne, II; Mr. David Perez; Mrs. Monique Phillip; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Lisa Suarez; Ms. Kimberly & Jean Tulgestka; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Philip & Connie Berth, Dublin, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Caleb & Bethany Boggs, Neosho, MO; Ms. Dorcas Francois, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mrs. Cathy Payne, Oneida, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Steven & Sharon Shelton, Charlottesville, VA; & Mr. & Mrs. Warren & Risë Smith, Plantation, FL.



<u>Sunday, July 31st</u> Robert Mariano

Wednesday, August 3rd Rick & Betsy Donahue (Ann.) Stephen Beliech Karen Lester Allison Roman Seth Watson Henry Williams <u>Thursday, August 4th</u> Sharon Masciarelli

<u>Friday, August 5th</u> Roy & Charlene Knowles (Ann.)

<u>Saturday, August 6th</u> Lena Gadson

### **Those to Serve**

If you are <u>unable to serve</u>, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

### Sunday Morning, July 31

Opening Prayer Scripture Reading Singing	Gary Friedly Gary Friedly Michael Ellis Jim Rogers Kane Campbell
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	James Green
Serve at Table:	
Lance Collier	Joe Maloney
Kirk Crews	Luther Robinson
Mike Damron	Islay Rodriguez
Gorman Ericksen	Joseph Snyder
Hunter Hinton	Lawrence Williams

Sunday	Evening,	July 31
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SingingYoung Men Opening PrayerYoung Men
Scripture ReadingYoung Men
Singing
Lord's SupperYoung Men
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerYoung Men
Serve at Table: Young Men

### Wednesday Evening, August 3

Singing	Josiah Blackmer
Invitation	Dan Fuller
Family Prayer	Victor Colage

Our Record				
Attendance	<u>July 24</u>	June Avg		
Sun. Bible Study	132	176		
Sun. AM Worship	228	251		
Sun. PM Worship	102	130		
Wed. Bible Study	142	143		
Contribution \$	\$15,119	\$15,683		
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220				
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$34,589				

Service Coordinator: Rick Hall & Josh Blackmer <u>Ushers</u> for this week: Michael Erickson & Marty Williams <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: Jimmie Banks

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Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."* 

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on NewsNation every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Locally, those channels are: AT&T U-Verse (channel 180) Comcast (channel 7) DIRECTV (channel 307) DISH (channel 239)





Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.



August 7, 14, 21, 28 Shepherds Praying

<u>August 7</u> Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

August 13 Charged By Christ with Clint Davison Theme: "Shine On"

August 28 Tavaro Hanna Mission Report

September 16-17 Marriage Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts Theme: *"His Shoes. Her Shoes."* 

September 25 New Bible Classes Begin for Adults, Jr. High & Sr. High