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Welcome New Members



Perez, David

Group 2

Baptized August 13

A Marriage Seminar

with Wayne & Tami Roberts



His Shoes. Her Shoes.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Friday, September 16
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 17
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

Covid and Churches Without Elders — Part Two

Where there are no elders to provide leadership, congregations are often directed simply by having the men of the church to “oversee” the church. The problem is that in such meetings there are many men who have not reached spiritual maturity and often do not have the church foremost in their lives. As matters are discussed, these men can speak and keep the church from going where the spiritually mature know it should go. The “vote” and influences of the immature rule the church.

This can so easily happen now as Covid seems to be behind us. It is time, or soon will be, that we all remember what it was like two years ago and return to what we once did to develop the church—meeting twice on Sundays, midweek Bible studies, VBS, church dinners, gospel meetings, singings and so many other activities. Let me urge every male member in congregations without elders to take these matters very seriously.

We may think that until these decisions are made there is little we can do. The rest of this article will seek to address what every member—young and old, male and female—can do right now to help the church recover. We can all focus on those who have not yet returned and ask God to help us.

I am not talking about programs to make it happen. I

am calling on each of us to help those who once came to come back to the church. Think of those who once worshiped, even if only one time each month, who no longer are there. What can we do? What influence can we have on them?

Remember the words of Paul as you deal with them. “You who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1). Put yourself in their place and use words of kindness and concern, not words of shame and guilt, in all you say. Each one will be different so there is not one unchanging way to bring them back. Pray that God will give you wisdom—and divine wisdom speaks of gentleness and kindness.

Why not go to their house, or when you see them elsewhere, and invite them to come to your house to share a meal? Let them be reminded by this association of what they may not even know they had missed. Invite just a few of their closest friends to be there. The major topic of the evening is not their coming back. Listen carefully to what they say about how they dealt with Covid, and let them know they are being missed and how deeply you feel about them. Jesus was compassionate and put Himself in our place to bring us to the Father. This is only the beginning place, but every one of us can do this, compassionately. Can you think of the next steps that would get them back?

We do not have to wait for a “program” to start helping those who left



By David Sproule

The Example of Some Preachers Today—Don’t Follow It!

Some preachers think they are “all that.” They think the church revolves around them. They think they are the master of the sermon preparation and delivery. They think they should be invited to speak in other congregations and on lectureships. They arrive at those places as if they are a celebrity and expect wonderful accolades and royal treatment.

Perhaps (again, perhaps) if (again, if) there was anyone who could view themselves in that way, maybe it would be the apostle Paul. Think about all of the grand accomplishments of this man of God—the thousands of converts made, the dozens of congregations established, the debates he won, the boldness he displayed, the life he sacrificed. He deserved to be recognized, right? He deserved to be invited to speak at great church events, right? He deserved to roll into town and have the brethren “ooh” and “aah” over his every word, right?

Well, you know Paul. He wouldn’t accept any of that! His enemies tried to accuse him of such self-commendation, and there were times when he had to defend himself, because accusations like that against Paul were actually accusations against Christ Himself and the work and message with which Paul was charged. But pay attention to how Paul responded.

Paul wanted his brethren to know that his confidence was “through Christ toward God.” For, he said, “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers...” (2 Cor. 3:4-6). Paul recognized that he was not “sufficient” to accomplish anything that he had accomplished but that it ALL came “from God.” And note that he said God had made him “sufficient” as a “minister,” which is also translated “servant.” He was just a servant.

He affirms it again in the next chapter. “For we do not preach ourselves” (it’s not about us!), “but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake” (2 Cor. 4:5). Again, he refers to himself as a “bondservant.” Then, he says, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us” (4:7). The treasure is NOT us! The treasure is “the gospel” (4:4). We are just the jars of clay that carry it and share it. We are nothing!

This is reminiscent of another place, where Paul said, “Neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters...” (1 Cor. 3:7). Who is Paul? He would (and did) say, “Not anything.” He called himself “the least of all the saints” (Eph. 3:8).

Don’t be like some preachers today! Be like Paul! Make everything about Jesus and NOT about you!

The treasure is NOT us! The treasure is “the gospel”!



By Josh Blackmer

The Challenge Before Us

We have all been asked to do challenging things—maybe something that, at the time, didn't seem possible. It could've been an action beyond our perceived abilities, or it was completely new. To get over the immediate apprehension or anxiety of the task, we need to break the action down into smaller actionable steps. Let's practice this with an imperative from our Lord.

Go

The command to "go" is evident, "Go therefore and make disciples..." (Matt 28:19). We don't have to go very far. The word "go" in this context means "as you are going." This is something that should start in our own households and extend to those "of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). From our backyards to the far country.

Go speak

"Teaching them" (Matt. 28:20). We should pray as Paul prescribed, "that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ... that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak" (Col. 4:3-4). Part of that is preparing ourselves to speak, "always being ready" "in season and out of season" (1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Tim. 4:2). We are seed sowers (Matt. 13:1-9). Nothing grows without the seed. A

comforting thought is that we don't have to judge the hearts of men before we sow the seed. This sower spread it everywhere, so can we.

Go speak My words

Another thing that is helpful is that we have the message already. "Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you" (Matt. 28:20). Like Paul, we can't "shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God" (Acts 20:27). We must not water down the power of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16). Like anything in the production process, if you put less into it, you will get less out of it. There is a standard of quality and purity that must be maintained.

Go speak My words in love

What we say is important. How we say it is important, also. "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person" (Col. 4:5-6). This passage and "speaking the truth in love" should encapsulate the heart of the sower (Eph. 4:14-15). Love won't leave anything out and will make sure the message is conveyed in a way that is most probable of producing fruit.

Breaking this command down to its basic elements gives us actionable steps that didn't seem possible, but He is with us, even to the end of the age.

Breaking this command down gives us actionable steps.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Without it, all my actions are useless

Paul was dealing with matters pertaining to the church and especially to the assemblies of the church in First Corinthians chapters twelve through fourteen, but there are some principles therein that we must apply in other parts of our lives. Paul begins "The Love Chapter" (1 Cor. 13) by emphasizing the absolute necessity of agape love. Think about this for a moment.

In verse 1, Paul says that if I could "SPEAK" wonderful things, "but have not love" when I speak them, it is a waste. In verse 2, Paul says that if I could "HAVE" wonderful abilities, "but have not love" when I utilize them, I am nothing. In verse 3, Paul says that if I could "GIVE" great gifts to others and the Lord, "but have not love" when I give them, it profits me nothing.

Make this application in your life. It doesn't matter way I SAY, if I don't say it with agape love. It doesn't matter what I HAVE, if I don't use it with agape love. It doesn't matter what I do, if I don't saturate it with agape love. This is more than just a marriage thing! This is a life thing! – DS



Beholding Jesus on every page of my life

Paul used the word "mirror" twice in his writings. Can you think of where those are? First, he taught that before the New Testament was completed and while the early Christians were relying on prophets and inspired men to teach them God's will, those Christians were actually only able to "see in a mirror, dimly" (1 Cor. 13:12), for they did not have the full and complete ("perfect," 13:10) revelation of God. An old, brass mirror would be kind of limiting.

But, the second time he used the word "mirror" was in contrasting the old covenant and the new covenant (i.e., the New Testament). In learning, understanding and loving the New Testament, Paul said Christians are "beholding" (through continual practice) "as in a mirror" (clearly this time) "the glory of the Lord," and when they do that, they "are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18).

How often are you "beholding" Jesus in your copy of the completed New Testament? Are you endeavoring every day to be "transformed" into His image? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	still has a blood clot and awaiting surgery on her knee
Glen Dawson	in Jupiter Medical Center, not doing well
Dan Johnson	in Promedica (room 609), second surgery postponed
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering at home from her recent fall
Robin Landen	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
Blake Leslie	receiving a stem cell infusion from Abigail on Sept. 14
David Lord	recovering at home and improving
Gwen Lyons	surgery on Sept. 15 to remove bracing around her ankle
Cheryl Milton	undergoing radiation treatments
Maurine Reed	at Hamlin Place on Hypoluxo Road for rehab
Jettie Sweetenburg	spot on her lung, undergoing tests
Betty White	recovering from neck surgery and eye procedure

Ongoing Health Issues

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joan Holloway
Glen & Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Joyce Parker
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, diagnosed with prostate cancer
Lamatron Gadson	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, undergoing medical tests
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, rehab on her broken femur
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, received good test results
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, undergoing tests, very weak

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, September 11

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, September 12

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Tuesday, September 13

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

Friday-Saturday, September 16-17

- ◆ **Marriage Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts** on Friday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Friday-Saturday, September 16-17 (cont.)

- ◆ **Marriage Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts.** Child-care will be available (for Grades 5 & under only). Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer if you plan to bring your kids.

Sunday, September 18

- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Caila Buonadonna & Todd Juckett** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon.

Saturday, September 24

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.
- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for details.
- ◆ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

Sunday, September 25

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m.

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

Monday, September 12

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

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Friday, October 21

- ◆ **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.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, September 11

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

Monday, September 12

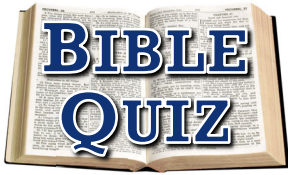
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Friday-Saturday, September 16-17

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Service Project.** We are offering childcare during the Marriage Seminar (Friday & Saturday). See Josh Blackmer if you can help out.

Friday, October 21

- ◆ **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.



What Was Your Name?

What were the original names of these Bible characters?

1. Abraham? _____
2. Sarah? _____
3. Israel? _____
4. Belteshazzar? _____
5. Shadrach? _____
6. Meshach? _____
7. Abed-Nego? _____
8. Zedekiah? _____
9. Joshua? _____
10. Zaphnath-Paaneah? _____
11. Paul? _____
12. Cephas? _____
13. Mara? _____
14. Jerubbaal? _____
15. Jehoiakim? _____

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 4



Directory Changes

Sue Shelt placed membership at Stuart.

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for the cards, texts and flowers sent for the passing of Andres' brother. We are very blessed to be part of a great family of Christ.

Andres & Angelica Fernandez

A long, grateful note from David Lord can be found on the bulletin board. Here are a few lines from it:

Thank you SO MUCH for your relentless prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, texts, emails, encouragement, and LOVE! It has meant so much more than you can imagine to me and my family. . . Daisy, Carolyn, Daniel & I are so grateful to have such an awesome and faithful Christian family! We are truly blessed!

David Lord & family

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Juna Dorcely; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Malou Hammock; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Mr. Collin Kato; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Ms. Lonna Pate; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Ms. Heather Wagner; Ms. Machel Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Michael Bassie, Knoxville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Garry & Teri Bee, Westland, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Darren & Edie Bruce, Trevor & Carson, Elkton, FL; Mr. Michael Edwards, Ontario, Canada; Ms. Laura Martinez, Miami, FL; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mr. Damond Sears, Clearwater, FL; and Ms. Rosiebel & Ms. Katherine Segovia, Miami, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, September 11th

Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (Ann.)

Friday, September 16th

Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)
Peggy Hall

Monday, September 12th

Darin Summerlot

Saturday, September 17th

Mike Ellis
Robert Lupo
Lisa Metzkes
Sadie Myrie

Wednesday, September 14th

Josh Blackmer
Taylor Hayes

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, September 11

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Graysen Hayes
Singing
Lord's Supper Jeff Leslie
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier Kameron Heitler
Jim Davis Islay Rodriguez
Mike Ellis Jim Rogers
Gorman Ericksen Joseph Snyder
James Green Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, September 11

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Mike Ellis
Scripture Reading Johnny Davis
Singing
Lord's Supper Joe Maloney
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer John Hoelzer

Serve at Table:

Tom Garrison Luther Robinson

Wednesday Evening, September 14

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Phil Porter
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	Sept. 4	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	149	176
Sun. AM Worship	270	243
Sun. PM Worship	120	116
Wed. Bible Study	144	138
Contribution	\$18,279	\$16,231

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$43,448

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

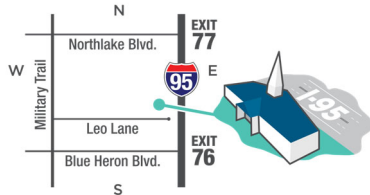
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Michael Erickson
Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews



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: Nathan Cox, Graysen Hayes, Johnny Davis, Taylor Price & David Brown

Questions Surrounding
The Second Coming

26th Annual
South Florida Lectureship
Nov. 3-6, 2022

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. **Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
2. **Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
3. **Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
4. **Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
5. **Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).