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## Welcome New Members



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Group 2

Identified September 18

## Which Bible Class did you attend last week?

### SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

The Book of Acts (Part 2)

David Sproule (Auditorium)

The Life of David

Dan Jenkins (Adult 1)

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

The Book of Numbers

Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)

A Short Note from Jesus' Brother

David Sproule (Adult 1)



By Dan Jenkins

## Which? On the 3rd Day; After 3 Days; 3 Days & 3 Nights?

Jesus described how long he would be in the tomb. The words and phrases He used as He did this have often troubled Bible students. Those who focus only on the words of Matthew 12:40 usually concluded that these words demand that He was crucified on Thursday and raised up on Sunday. In their understanding this is the only way Jesus could have been in the tomb for three nights.

Then, there are those denominations whose emphasis is on the Sabbath. One such group says that Jesus was raised *precisely* 72 hours later and that resurrection was on Saturday just *precisely* at the same time He was buried three days before. To them, the resurrection was “discovered” on Sunday morning.

Other Sabbath keepers use the words of Matthew and conclude that he was crucified on Wednesday and raised on Saturday morning. To them the three nights are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night. Is there any way to know just what happened?

Remember that Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Jesus often mentioned the time He would be raised but uses two other phrases to describe that time. He

**Which is it? Was He raised “on the third day” or “after three days?”**

only once spoke of “three days and three nights,” but in the gospel accounts He used the phrase “the third day” at least eight times. Both Peter and Paul also use this phrase (Acts 10:40; 1 Cor. 15:4). The accounts of His resurrection show He was raised on Sunday morning. Those disciples walking on the road to Emmaus said, “Today is the third day” (Luke 24:21). If Sunday was the third day, then Saturday and Friday were the other two. This does not solve the problem of the three nights of Matthew, but it shows one cannot simply read the one account. He must deal with every word Jesus spoke. Consider what Jesus said in His message to Herod. “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold,’ I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow and the third day I shall be perfected” (Luke 13:32).

Jesus also used another phrase which complicates this matter. In Mark 8:31, Jesus said that “He must...be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.” There is no way to take the phrase “on the third day” and “after three days” literally and not make the Bible contradict itself.

So, what is the solution? Was He literally in the tomb three nights, raised on the third day, or after three days. Atheists and unbelievers use this problem to say that the Bible contradicts itself. What is the solution? Was it *on* the third day or *after* the third day? We will look at the solution in next week’s article. It may not be as hard as it appears.



By David Sproule

## It’s All a Matter of Authority (Part 2)

Every facet of your life requires authority to exist and then for authority to be recognized and respected. Whenever authority is not accepted and submitted to, chaos results. All of this is true for every part of your life, but especially in the realm of religion.

It begins with an understanding that Jesus Christ has ALL authority (Matt. 28:18). We must “hear [Him] in all things, whatever He says,” lest we be “utterly destroyed” (Acts 3:22-23). So, where do I find Christ’s authority today? He’s not here “in person” (per se), so where do I go?

Wouldn’t you know that Jesus thought of that before He died, was buried, was raised from the dead and then ascended back into heaven? Did you know that He made arrangements for His authority to reside on this earth globally, cross-culturally and perpetually? He took His authority and He firmly embedded it in His Word—the Word that He received from the Father. Watch this.

When Jesus was on this earth, look at what He said in John 12:49-50 (pay attention to each word)—“*For I have not spoken on My own authority...*” What? Then on whose authority did you speak? “*...but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak...*” Oh,

**Jesus took His Word and He put it into a book!**

so Jesus spoke on the authority of the Father? Good! And since Jesus and the Father are “one” (John 10:30), then the full authority of heaven in His words. Jesus continues, “*...And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.*” Now, that’s authority! That’s assurance!

But, wait a minute! I didn’t live back then! I didn’t actually hear the words that Jesus spoke! What about me today? Back to the question: where do I find Christ’s authority today? Read the verse right before these verses. Did you see the word “For” at the beginning of verse 49? Jesus is tying into what He just said.

*“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (12:48).*

Grab that. Think about it. “The word” that Jesus spoke “will judge” us “in the last day.” Where is that “word” today? Interestingly, John depicts the judgment scene in Revelation 20, when he saw that “books were opened...And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books” (20:12).

Jesus took His Word and He put it into a book! He put His authority into the Bible! And on the day of judgment, His all-authoritative Word will judge us! But, how do I know that’s where His authority resides? Read next week’s article.



By Josh Blackmer

## Be Nice

"I find it easy to portray a businessman. Being bland, rather cruel and incompetent comes naturally to me" (John Cleese). It is easy to be mean, and the world makes it easier. Life seems to be a gauntlet of rude awakenings, playground politics, the rage of rush hour, the push-and-shove along the corporate ladder, and the snippy bickering of a thousand petty conflicts can thoroughly trample any sunny disposition you may have once possessed as a child. It seems inevitable that we will be formed into a scowl. After receiving our fair share of mistreatment, we can end up approaching life with a preemptive, chronic frown. We brace ourselves for unkindness, and we are slowly transformed into a grouch.

This is not so for a Christian. A Christian must resist this darkening of the demeanor (Col. 3:12). A Christian doesn't indulge in the pettiness of the world. A Christian is known for kindness (Gal. 5:22). It's not an optional accessory. If you're a Christian, then that means you are kind. A Christian is loving. It's what defines him/her (1 John 3:10). The difference is obvious. Those who truly belong to God are loving, in particular, toward other Christians. This means unkindness can be a dealbreaker.

As far as Jesus is concerned, we can't draw the line

anywhere. Even when it comes to our very enemies, the appropriate response is love (Matt. 5:44). He goes on to explain that there's nothing necessarily admirable about loving the loveable (Matt. 5:46). There's nothing unusual about loving the loveable. Loving the unlovable, that's where you'll find a Christian. You'll also notice there are no excuses. 1 John 4:7 doesn't say, "Beloved, let us love one another unless you're in a really bad mood." Ephesians 4:32 doesn't say, "Be kind to one another unless the other person is unkind to you first or if we have a genetic disposition for anger in your family." Scripture is not open to our good reasons. It might be difficult. It might feel downright impossible, but we are commanded to be kind to everyone. Love is the key ingredient. If we remove it from any situation, we are reduced to nothing more than an irritating noise (1 Cor. 13:1). If we do not love, we degrade our position. Even if we're right, we're wrong because we didn't set out to do the right thing with love.

For a Christian, at the heart of every action is a basic question. When dealing with conflict and annoying personalities and even your enemy, it comes down to this very simple question. Do you love them? This question would stifle gossip, deception and maliciousness. This is the first brick that goes into place in determining everything else. Love, or the lack of it, will determine whether any action we take after that is godly or not. Action without love is easy.

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## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The difference in one little word

Would you say that the apostle Paul had a close relationship with God? It's hard to draw any other conclusion. But, how close to God was he? He certainly believed in God (Act 27:25; 2 Tim. 1:12), prayed to God (2 Cor. 13:7; 2 Thess. 1:11) and trusted in God (2 Cor. 1:9; 1 Tim. 4:10). And he said those very words. But, I want you to see one little word in the book of Philippians.

Paul begins and ends the book of Philippians talking about his God. At the beginning of the book, he tells the brethren that he prays to God. At the end of the book, he tells the brethren that God will supply their needs. But, would you open your Bible and underline the little word that is right before the word "God" in Philippians 1:3 and 4:19?

Paul did not just pray to "God" and trust in "God." Paul said that he prayed to "my God" and trusted in "my God." God was not just "God" to Paul. He was "my God"! If you want to have the kind of relationship with God that Paul had, don't just see God as "God." See Him as "my God"! – DS



### The joy of the cross?

One of the most intriguing statements in Scripture regarding Jesus is one that surrounds the time of the crucifixion. Sometimes we may think of the agony He experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane and think that He was unwilling or a coward or walking away. But read what the Hebrews writer revealed: "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross" (12:2).

The joy? Seriously? The cross is what was "set before" Jesus! Or, at least that was what was in His immediate future. Was the suffering of the cross "the joy" on which Jesus was focused? Or was it the joy of fulfilling the plan of God? The joy of pleasing the Father by doing His will? The joy of offering salvation to all mankind? The joy of opening the way into heaven for His faithful followers? The joy of returning to His Father in heaven?

Whatever it was (one of these, a combination of all of them, or something else), Jesus endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him! Aren't you glad that He did? Do you find joy in that which Jesus found joy? – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>David Brown</b>	recovering from an outpatient procedure
<b>Mary Coombs</b>	dealing with health issues
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	under Hospice Care at home
<b>Trudie Holland</b>	in Gardens Medical Center with blood pressure issues
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	in Promedica (room 609), awaiting second amputation
<b>Robin Landen</b>	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
<b>Gwen Lyons</b>	recovering from surgery on her ankle
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	undergoing radiation treatments
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	Gardens Medical Center, heart attack and complications
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	at Hamlin Place on Hypoluxo Road for rehab
<b>Jettie Sweetenburg</b>	awaiting tests on the spot on her lung
<b>Betty White</b>	recovering from neck surgery and eye procedure

## 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
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Donald Coe</b>	Linda Coe's father, dealing w/dementia and other issues
<b>Frank Daniels</b>	Melinda Price's father, diagnosed with prostate cancer
<b>Lamatron Gadson</b>	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care
<b>Corinne Gardner</b>	Dave Holaday's daughter, diagnosed with melanoma
<b>Mark Kelley</b>	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, upcoming hip replacement
<b>Rocky Meess</b>	Micky Affron's father, back in the hospital
<b>Beverly Michaelian</b>	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, rehab on her broken femur
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, home from the hospital
<b>Bobby Tucker</b>	Eva Fulton's brother, bleeding on his brain
<b>Samuel Williams</b>	Adelene Honore's brother, undergoing tests, very weak





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, October 2

- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

## Monday, October 3

- ♦ **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 plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Tuesday, October 4

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

## Friday-Saturday, October 7-8

- ♦ **Ladies' Fall Encampment at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Your Shape." Visit [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org) for more details and to register.

## Sunday, October 9

- ♦ **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.

## Friday, October 14

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

## Saturday, October 15

- ♦ **Mount Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Tickets to the dinner are FREE, but you must get a ticket before October 9. Contact Ivan Villard for tickets.

## Sunday, October 16

- ♦ **"Coming Home" Sunday.** Please use the materials in the Lobby to write notes of encouragement to former PBL members.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Monday, October 3

- ♦ **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 plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

### 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.

### Monday, November 7

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited.

### Saturday, November 19

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Brandon Widner. See Ivan Villard for more details.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, October 2

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

### Monday, October 3

- ♦ **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 plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

### Thursday-Sunday, October 6-9

- ♦ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** Cost is \$50 per person plus money for food. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

### Sunday, October 9

- ♦ **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.





# Imitators of *GOD*

EPHESIANS 5:1

## HIS Will

OCTOBER

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
September 25

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Miss Mara Ford; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mc. Don McClintock; Ms. Lonna Pate; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Grayson & Morganne Albert, Coeur d'Alene, ID; Ms. Niki Bails, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Denise Bails, Plantation, FL; Mrs. Lynne Hirsh Mabrey, Hilham, TN; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ivan & Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; and Mr. Rick Walker, Beaumont, TX.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, October 2nd  
Joel Ramirez

Friday, October 7th  
Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton (Ann.)

Monday, October 3rd  
Francis Morales  
Kathy Nelson

Saturday, October 8th  
Donna Erickson  
Norma Mariano  
Bessie Walker  
Betty White

Wednesday, October 5th  
Rosa Nash



**MOUNT DORA**  
**CHILDREN'S HOME**  
— Est 1945 —

## Benefit Dinner

**The Mount Dora Children's Home is hosting a Benefit Dinner** in our Family Room on Saturday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets to the dinner are FREE, but you need to get a ticket before October 9. **Ivan Villard** has the tickets, so contact him to get one.

Palm Beach Lakes has supported the children's home for decades and they are a great haven for children who have no place to go. Mount Dora will be providing dinner that night and an opportunity to learn about how they are helping the children. Their new president will be one of the speakers.

## News & Notes

We will be **labeling the latest issue of House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart** this Sunday, October 2 at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and help out with this simple but powerfully effective effort to reach lost souls.

### 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, October 2

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Michael Ellis  
Scripture Reading ..... James Green  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Johnny Davis  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes

#### Serve at Table:

Jimmie Banks	Hunter Hinton
Kirk Crews	Luther Robinson
Gorman Ericksen	Jim Rogers
Michael Erickson	Joseph Snyder
Graysen Hayes	Ivan Villard

#### Sunday Evening, October 2

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... John Hoelzer  
Scripture Reading ..... Jim Davis  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Jeff Goodale  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Kane Campbell

#### Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale    Kameron Heitler

#### Wednesday Evening, October 5

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Kirk Crews  
Family Prayer ..... Dan McLeod

### Our Record

Attendance	Sept. 25	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	178	176
Sun. AM Worship	255	243
Sun. PM Worship	135	116
Wed. Bible Study	NA	138
Contribution	\$15,410	\$16,231
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$46,822		

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Islay Rodriguez  
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams

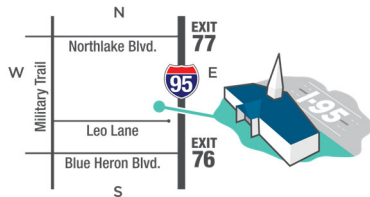




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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: **Paul & Lisa Metzkes and Dan & Loni Fuller**  
(Two "little lights" are shining)



**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)  
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DISH (channel 239)



**NEWSNATION**

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

## First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

-  Speaking where the Bible speaks
-  Silent where the Bible is silent
-  Calling Bible things by Bible names
-  Doing Bible things in Bible ways

