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## When We Meet in Sweet Communion

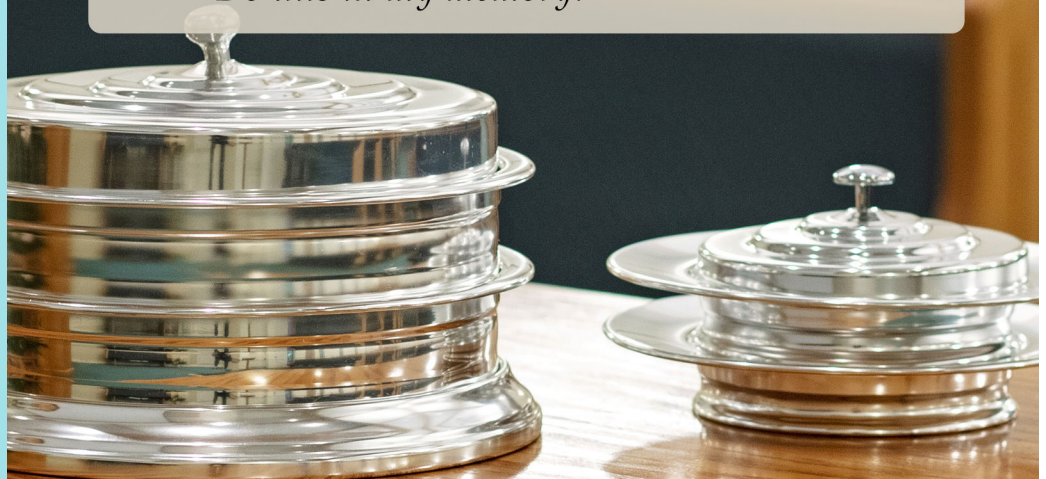
(by Tillit S. Teddlie)

*When we meet in sweet communion  
 Where the feast divine is spread,  
 Hearts are brought in closer union  
 While partaking of the bread.*

*"God so loved" what wondrous measure!  
 Loved and gave the best of heav'n;  
 Bought us with that matchless treasure,  
 Yea, for us His life was giv'n.*

*Feast divine, all else surpassing,  
 Precious blood for you and me,  
 While we sup, Christ gently whispers,  
 "Do this in my memory."*

*Precious feast all else surpassing,  
 Wondrous love for you and me,  
 While we feast, Christ gentle whispers,  
 "Do this in my memory."*





By Dan Jenkins

## What Is Your Favorite Song? Why?

For the last several years I have tried to improve my worship in song by paying special attention to the words of the songs. While the musical notes are important and participating in four-part harmony singing is so rewarding, the focus in the Bible is on the relationship of my soul and my words.

Singing is described as "...singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). It is not that we are giving grace to Him, but we who have received His grace, sing with hearts filled with grace to Him.

A picture of this attitude toward Jesus is shown in Revelation chapter five. It describes how there is no creature in heaven or on earth worthy to open the book in God's hand. Then, the Lamb of God appears to take the sealed book and starts to open it.

At that moment the heaven of heavens is filled with anthems of praise to the Lord. The twenty-four elders get off their thrones and bow down in worshiping the Lord. They have bowls filled the prayers of His saints, and they ascend as incense to the Lamb. They begin to sing, "You are worthy..."

But it doesn't stop at this point. Suddenly a host of angels joins in singing the same song. How many angels were there in this choir? "The number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands" (5:12). The

very words of the song they sing are given. "Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessings."

But it doesn't stop there. Immediately every creature in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and under the sea, and all that is in heaven and earth become part of this chorus of praise to the Lord. "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

**But there is more—there is more—there is more—then we join the choir**

But it doesn't stop there. In 1930, Tillit S. Teddlie, a faithful brother in Christ and author of over 100 songs, penned the words to a song we used to sing more often, *Worthy Art Thou*. It captures the events of this heavenly scene in the first two verses. He then added these words in the last verse. "Lord, may we come before Thee with singing, Filled with Thy Spirit, wisdom and pow'r, May we ascribe Thee glory and honor, Worthy art Thou, Worthy art Thou."

It is not the musical notes that really matter. The early Christians may have sung this with singing characterized by chanting. We sing it in four-part harmony. It is not the music.

Let me ask you, what is your favorite song? Is it your favorite because of the musical arrangement or because of the spiritual depth and grace it creates in your heart as you sing to the Lord? Think about this.



By David Sproule

## Will You Enter the Promised Land?

From the time that Israel arrived at Mount Sinai, God started making promises to them that He repeated for the next 40 years. Many of those promises centered around the land that was promised to Abraham and how God was going to give it to Israel. Regarding the vile, sinful inhabitants of the land, God

time after time promised Israel, "I will...drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you...I will drive them out from before you...For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you" (Ex. 23:27-31). A year later, God promised, "I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite" (Ex. 33:2). Forty years later, the Lord still promised, "The Lord your God will drive out those nations before you...He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites" (Deut. 7:22; Josh. 3:10).

So, why is it, when we turn to read about the conquest of the land that we repeatedly read statements like the following? "The children of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maachathites...the children of Judah could not drive them out...they did not drive out the Canaanites...they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland...Benjamin

did not drive out the Jebusites...Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants...Nor did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites...Nor did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants...Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants...Nor did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants..." (Josh. 13:13; 15:63; 16:10; Judg. 1:19-36).

**Why didn't God keep His promise?**

What happened? Why didn't God keep His promise and drive out all of these inhabitants as He said He would? God specifically said, "I will never break My covenant with you" (Judg. 2:1). Read that again. Throughout the forty years leading up to the conquest of Canaan, God had repeatedly warned Israel, "You shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land" (Judg. 2:2; cf. Ex. 23:32; 34:12-17; Deut. 7:2). Keep reading Judges 2:2 where God says, "But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?"

God's promises are always conditional. He promised over and over to drive out the evil inhabitants of the land, but those promises were conditioned upon Israel completely driving those inhabitants out and not being led astray from the Lord by them (Ex. 23:32-33; 34:12-17; Deut. 4:23-31). When Israel violated the covenant, God was not obligated to fulfill His promises. Think about that for us today. God has promised salvation and eternal life to us repeatedly, yet those promises are conditioned upon our obedience (Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21-23). May God help us to learn from Israel and obey our God, so that we can possess our Promised Land in heaven.



By Josh Blackmer

## Narrow-minded Jesus

There is a plea from the agents of change to “keep an open mind” about new ideas. Any decenter of change is heralded as narrow-minded and limited in their ability to grasp what they would espouse as truth. Would it surprise you that Jesus would be listed among those to be narrow-minded?

Jesus is narrow-minded about the following topics.

He was narrow-minded in His view of Himself. He said that Moses, the prophets and the psalms spoke concerning Him (Luke 24:44). He said that He was the Messiah (John 4:25-26). He said that God was His Father (John 5:17-18). He said that He was “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). He said that He was “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). It is evident that our Lord had a narrow-minded view of Himself. He was the only one of whom these amazing things were true.

Jesus was narrow-minded about His authority. During the Sermon on the Mount, He taught, “You have heard it said, but I say unto you” (Matt. 5:21). In doing so, He is elevating His own authority. Even those that were there to hear this message were surprised as “He taught as one having authority” in contrast to the scribes (Matt. 7:28-29). When Jesus healed the paralytic man He said, “so that you may know that the Son of

Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,” then He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your bed and go home” (Matt. 9:6). He emphasized the fact that “all authority had been given to Him in heaven and on earth” (Matt. 28:18).

Jesus was also narrow-minded about worship. When Satan tempted Jesus, he said that if Jesus worshipped him, he would give Jesus the dominion and glory of mankind (Luke 4:6-7). Jesus responded with Scripture, “You shall worship the Lord God and Him only shall you serve” (Luke 4:8). When speaking to the woman at the well, “You worship what you do not know... but an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth... God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:22-24). Jesus did not emphasize that one could worship in any way that pleased the worshipper. He directed us to worship God, in the right spirit and according to truth. He declared that true worship requires the right object, the right attitude, and the right authority.

There are many other subjects in which Jesus would be considered narrow-minded. The question would be, are we as narrow-minded as Jesus? If we are to be like-minded with Him, we should consider our thoughts (Phil. 2:5). We need to make sure that in all areas we are speaking as the oracles of God and not the current social climate (1 Pet. 4:11).

**Could we be accused of being narrow-minded?**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Accept adversity?

There are some verses in the Bible where the reader might do a double-take and think, “Did it just say that?” Job’s statement in Job 2:10 is one such passage. In verse 9, Job’s wife told him, “Curse God and die!” How would Job respond to that? “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?”

It is certainly easy to “accept good” and be excited about “good” when it comes into our lives. We would never think about blaming God for “good.” But then “adversity” comes. Do we blame God? Do we throw it in His face? Or do we “accept” it and see that God not only can (and does) work in the “good” times, but He also works in our lives during the “bad” times? When we allow Him, our God can bring about greater “perseverance,” “character” and “hope,” as a result of our adversity (Jas. 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-4). Read the end of the book of Job and that’s exactly what you find. Will you accept adversity and let God strengthen you through it? – DS



### Incline your ear

Have you ever been in a crowded, noisy restaurant and you were trying to hear what someone was saying at the table with you, and so you leaned your body and your head in really close and maybe even cupped your hand behind your ear in order to hear? You gave your full, undivided attention and were doing everything you could to hear what was being said.

Forget about the noisy restaurant and just think about that posture of leaning in, tilting your head and giving full attention. That is what God does toward us when we pray. It’s not because He’s having a hard time hearing us but because of His strong desire to hear every utterance of our hearts. Four times in the Psalms, the writers plead, “Incline Your ear to me” (17:6; 71:2; 88:2; 102:2), as well as in the parallel passages of 2 Kings 19:16 and Isaiah 37:17.

How blessed we are that our Lord inclines His ear to hear our words! Now, do we incline our ears to hear His words (Josh. 24:23; Psa. 119:36; Isa. 55:3)? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Carolina Alvarenga</b>	dealing with arthritis in her knee
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	at Promedica, recovering from double amputation
<b>Owen Miley</b>	recovering from back surgery
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering at home
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	recovering at home
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	back at Hamlin Place
<b>Chuck Reeves, Jr.</b>	having surgery on December 2
<b>Betty Sanders</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Don Seay</b>	has been discharged from the hospital
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	undergoing tests on her eye
<b>Jettie Sweetenburg</b>	awaiting test results on the spot on her lung

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Robin Landen</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	Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Joan Alberga</b>	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
<b>Louie Bone</b>	Betty Davis' brother, fell and is having seizures
<b>Frank Daniels</b>	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
<b>Shirley Griffin</b>	Mary Porter's mother, under Hospice Care
<b>Diane McArthur</b>	Maxine McCoy's mother, recovering at home
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, ongoing health issues
<b>Mary Pietro</b>	Nicholas Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer
<b>Chuck Reeves, Sr.</b>	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, rec. from pacemaker surgery
<b>Lillie Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer

**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, December 4

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for details.

## Monday, December 5

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.
- ◆ **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.

## Tuesday, December 6

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

## Saturday, December 17

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

## Sunday, December 18

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

## Sunday, January 1

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!

## Monday, January 9

- ◆ **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.

## Sunday, January 15

- ◆ **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.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## Monday, December 5

- ◆ **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.

## Friday, December 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan for more details.

## Sunday, December 18

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

## Saturday, January 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## Monday, January 9

- ◆ **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.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, December 4

- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Will resume next week.

## Monday, December 5

- ◆ **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 a plate/utensils.

## Saturday, December 10

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party & Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange and 2-liter drinks. See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Sunday, December 11

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

## Sunday, December 18

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Will resume on January 8.



# Imitators of *GOD*

EPHESIANS 5:1

# HIS Faithfulness

DECEMBER

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
November 27

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mrs. Jascity Hutchison; Mr. Collin Kato; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Lonna Pate; Mrs. Susan Shelt; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Nellie Clayton, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. John & Peggy Daniels, Folsom, CA; B. LaJoyce Earkman, Westchester, CA; Mr. Joshua Lupo, Hopkinsville, KY; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; and Mrs. Astrid Menendez, CA.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*



We rejoice with **Jamie Green** who was baptized on Sunday, November 27 during morning services. She is listed in the church directory with her family.

**Thank You Note**

To My Dear Church Family,

I thank our heavenly Father for all of you. I want to thank all of you for the phone calls, cards and prayers.

With much love, Ophelia Holmes

Sunday, December 4th  
Guadalupe Tipton

Wednesday, December 7th  
Jeannie Buonadonna  
David Perez

Monday, December 5th  
Troy Alberga  
Adrienna Gadson  
Hunter Hinton  
Janice Osborne

Friday, December 9th  
Michael & Jean Archer (Ann.)

Tuesday, December 6th  
Cara Blackmer

Saturday, December 10th  
Carolina Alvarenga

**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, December 4**

Singing..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale  
Scripture Reading..... Hunter Hinton  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Kane Campbell  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Michael Ellis

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier            Islay Rodriguez  
Kirk Crews                Jim Rogers  
Mike Damron             Joseph Snyder  
Gorman Erickson        Cristian Suarez  
Jeff Leslie                 Marty Williams

**Sunday Evening, December 4**

Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Johnny Davis  
Scripture Reading ..... Jim Davis  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... John Hoelzer  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:

Graysen Hayes        Kameron Heitler

Audio this week: Ricky Smith  
Computer this week: Daniel Lord  
Video this week: Todd Juckett

**Wednesday Evening, December 7**

Singing..... Daniel Wagner  
Invitation..... Willie Smith  
Family Prayer ..... Kirk Crews

**Our Record**

Attendance	Nov. 27	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	150	165
Sun. AM Worship	242	247
Sun. PM Worship	112	140
Wed. Bible Study	142	136
Contribution	\$16,193	\$16,188

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$58,584

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

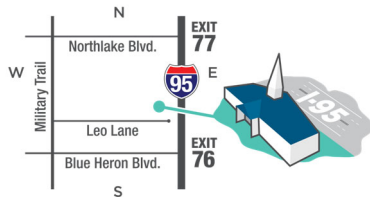
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Michael Erickson  
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



# 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.

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