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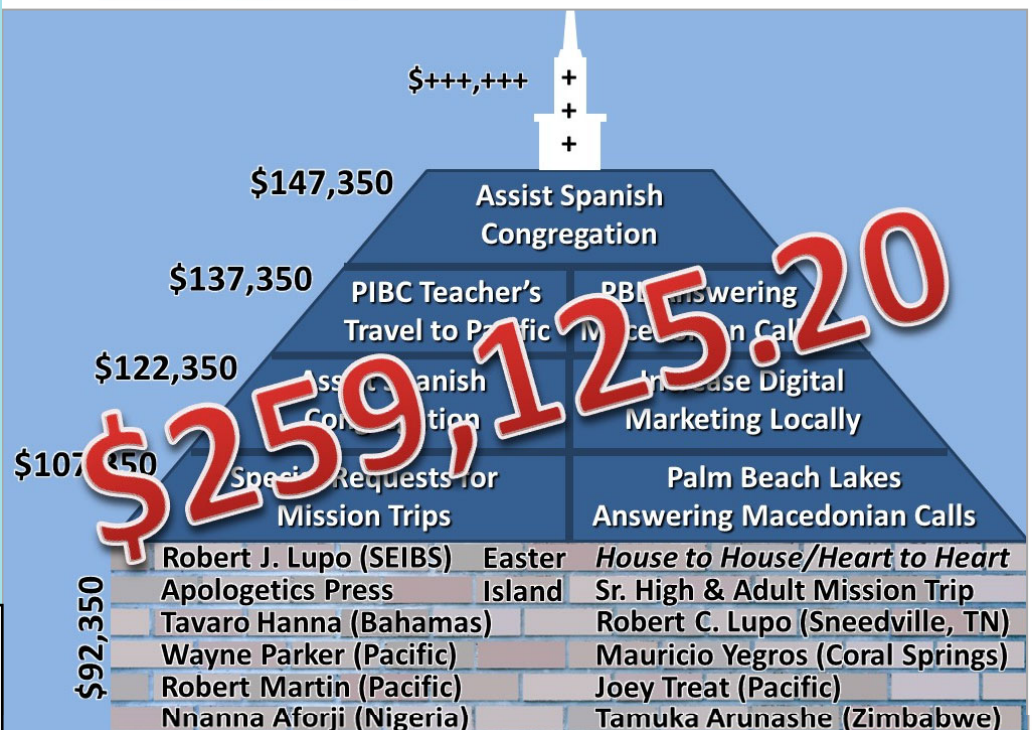
February 5, 2023

No. 6



# MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

## A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

Matthew 26 -  
Mark 2

# TO GOD Be the Glory



By Dan Jenkins

## Baptism—From Heaven or From Men?

The appearance of John the Baptist introduced a religious act that was unknown before his time. It was the immersion of an individual in water in order to bring about the remission of sins. Jesus asked the Pharisees the question, “The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?” (Matt. 21:25). Their answer shows just how new it was. Some have sought to say that it was part of Jewish rites which involved water, but such could not be true for they could have answered Jesus that it was from Judaism and had been done for years.

The truth is that John was sent by God (John 1:6), and his baptism was part of the plan to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. It was not a ritual, a religious act. It was tied directly to faith. Those Pharisees said that if they say from heaven, Jesus would ask them, “Why did you not believe him?” (Matt. 21:25). Baptism is directly connected to hearing God. Submission to baptism is motivated by faith, believing God’s message.

John’s baptism was also joined to repentance. It was a “baptism of repentance” (Luke 3:3). What does this mean? It acknowledges the source from which baptism comes. I am a man of Alabama, that is where I come from. Submission to John’s baptism came from hearts that had repented.

John’s baptism was not only linked to faith and repentance, but God made it part of receiving the remission of sins (Mark 1:4). The fact that John taught individuals to be baptized to have their sins removed is precisely the reason John first refused to baptize sinless Jesus. Multitudes heard John preach the truth that Jesus was coming to bring judgment against sinful Israel. He was coming with an axe, a winnowing fan and a baptism (immersion) in unquenchable fire (Matt. 3:10-12). They knew they were sinful, and that God was just in bringing judgment.

**A vital question:  
Is the baptism  
brought by Jesus  
from heaven or  
from men?**

On the other hand, the Pharisees were part of some who “justify themselves” (Luke 16:15) and rejected that the judgment of God was just. Read these words carefully. “All the people heard him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him” (Luke 7:29-30).

Never forget that the baptism brought by Jesus was a message from heaven, tied directly to faith, repentance and the remission of sins. To reject it is to reject the will of God. Soberly consider these questions. The baptism brought by Jesus—where was it from? From heaven or from men? The Lord still has the axe, the winnowing fan and immersion in fire. If you have not submitted, you are rejecting God’s will!



By David Sproule

## Where Are You in the Temptation Process?

Picture this in your mind. There is a fish who is safely tucked away and minding his own business in the rocks and thick grass of the riverbed. He is doing just fine. Then, something catches his eye. There is something dancing around near the surface of the water. It looks rather intriguing. What could it be? Dare he come out of his spot to check it out? No! He doesn’t want to take a chance. Not now.

So, the fish stays put. But every once in a while, the sparkle of the sun against this dancing object draws his eyes again to the surface. Before he realizes it, he is glancing up at that enticing object more than he is paying attention to life around him, and without realizing it, he begins to inch out of his place of safety and into the open water. His curiosity and cravings get the better of him and he drifts closer and closer to this alluring phenomenon.

He finally sees it clearly and he wants it. It almost seems to have him in a trance with some kind of tractor beam effect. He begins to circle this tantalizing wonder, swimming around it several times to get a better look, consider his options and make up his mind, “Is it worth it?” Finally, he cannot hold himself back any longer and he takes a bite. Next thing he knows, he’s pulled out of his home and into a frying pan.

**Next thing he  
knows, he’s  
pulled out of his  
home and into a  
frying pan.**

The illustration above depicts what happens to us in the temptation process. Read James 1:14-15. “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

We may think we are tucked away safely, but then something enticing catches our eye. At first, we might ignore it, but the longer it presents itself, the more intrigued we become. Before we know it, we have inched away from where we should be and find ourselves in the open water of vulnerability. While we still have time to get back to safety, sometimes the temptation is so strong that we give in to it, rather than flee from it. We take the bite. Sometimes the realization of what we have done hits us immediately; sometimes it hits us later. Regardless, we’re in Satan’s frying pan.

Friend, where are you in the temptation process? Has something sinful caught your eye? Divert and close your eyes! “I will set nothing wicked before my eyes” (Psa. 101:3). Have you been lured from your place of safety? “Turn” back immediately (Jas. 5:20). Are you about ready to give in? “Flee,” “resist” “cry out to God” (1 Pet. 2:11; Jas. 4:7; 2 Chron. 7:14). Did you already bite? “Repent and pray to God” that you may “be forgiven” (Acts 8:22). Temptation is strong, but with God’s strength (Eph. 6:10), you are stronger (1 John 4:4).



By Josh Blackmer

## Why Don't We See Our Need For God?

God is mankind's deepest need, but they often fail to see this need as clearly as they should, and many do not see that they need God at all. Many we come in contact with think, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing" (Rev. 3:17-18). How could something so obvious and so important be so hard to recognize on a practical, daily basis? Why don't people see how much they need God? Consider three things that hinder people from seeing this need.

Much of the time, we humans stay too busy and distracted to deal adequately with God (Luke 12:20-21). The physical world has a powerful pull on us. The "cares of this world" and the "deceitfulness of riches" can choke God's word out of us (Matt. 13:22). Distraction from spiritual realities is a special problem in an affluent society where our lives are mostly comfortable. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Often the more we have, the less thankful we are and the more we forget about God.

When our faith fails to see beyond the material world, we lose perspective on reality, and we buy into the delusion. Our sense of what's important gets turned upside down. At times, we really do think other things are more important than

our relationship to God. It may be the case that we truly do not see the reality of our situation (Mal. 1:6). Esau was called "immoral and godless" when he traded his birthright for a bowl of soup (Heb. 12:16-17). Momentary temporal pleasures can deceive us greatly as to their real value. The "passing pleasures of sin" can seem much more than that (Heb. 11:23-25). Delusion subverts perspective. The ideal situation is when our felt needs are the same as our real needs (Luke 12:23).

**Don't become a victim of distraction, delusion or denial.**

The failure to deal straightforwardly with truth often stems from a denial. If we lack honesty and humility, we will suppress our need for God. Many "suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18, 28). We may not see our need for God because we choose not to see (Prov. 30:12). "It is the fool who says in his heart there is no God" (Psa. 10:4, 6; 14:1). "Every knee will bow and every tongue shall give praise to God," so we ought to do so now (Rom 14:11).

Our constant challenge in life is to see what we ought to see (Matt. 13:14-15; John 9:39-41). Ignoring our need for God doesn't make that need go away. We need to acknowledge and consider seriously our need for God before there is no more time (2 Cor 6:2). Don't become a victim of distraction, delusion or denial. This life is much more than what we are led to believe is important. There is more at stake than what we see, even if we don't acknowledge it.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### It's what everybody else is doing

Sometimes we think about the topic of "peer pressure," and we may categorize that as a problem limited to young people. Such a mis-categorization has led some adult Christians to believe that it cannot impact them. Wrong!

Follow a Christian into the workplace and the business world. Is there any "peer pressure" there? How many Christians use a little foul language at work because "it's what everybody else is doing"? How many Christians will tell their boss a "white lie" or lead the boss to believe a lie because "it's what everybody else is doing"? How many Christians will drink a little alcohol when they are out with coworkers or clients because "it's what everybody else is doing"?

When we begin to look like the world, we abandon any connection with our God! James said, "Friendship with the world is enmity with God" (Jas. 4:4)! Whose "praise" and acceptance do you want—man's or God's (John 12:42-43)? You must choose! – DS



### "Skip to the end!"

One of the most memorable scenes in cinema is the wedding of Prince Humperdinck and Buttercup in "The Princess Bride." "*Mawage. Mawage is wot bwings us togeva today!*" As chaos and a battle begin to ensue outside the palace during the ceremony, the Prince orders "The Impressive Clergyman" to "Skip to the end!" Hmm. Skip to the end.

Mawage (a.k.a. marriage) can be tough. There is a temptation to just "skip to the end" of it. But what "end" is in sight? May I suggest that every married couple decide that "the end" is going to be when both of you bring each other togeva into heaven! Make up your minds that is going to "be the end" (cf. 1 Pet. 3:7). Then, when rough patches come in your marriage, when you think it might be time to get out of it, let your mind "skip to the end" and see the two of you walking into heaven together. With that "end" as your goal and purpose, you can be even more determined to make it through those rough patches together. That way, "wuv, tru wuv, will fowow you foweve!" – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Novel Brown</b>	recovering at home, slowly improving
<b>Patricia Hackshaw</b>	recovering from major surgery
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering at home
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	back at Hamlin Place
<b>Betty Sanders</b>	diagnosed with colon cancer
<b>Don Seay</b>	at Luxe Rehab in Jupiter (room 127)
<b>Sam Simpkins</b>	surgery for 3 cancerous tumors on his bladder on Feb. 8
<b>Jettie Sweetenburg</b>	lung cancer, chemo & radiation treatments
<b>Jennifer Walker</b>	recovering from a colectomy
<b>Julie Williams</b>	dealing with severe pain in her left arm and elbow



**Nick Pietro, upon the passing of his mother, Mary Pietro, on Monday, January 30.**

## 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>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, had 2 more seizures, now in rehab
<b>Frank Daniels</b>	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
<b>Gineas Mauvais</b>	Juliette Mauvais' father, in the hospital in Haiti
<b>Darlene Smith</b>	Willie & Ricky Smith's mother, hospitalized last week
<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, February 5

- ♦ **No His Kids Class** today. Class will resume next week.

## Monday, February 6

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume next week.
- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and 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, February 7

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

## Friday, February 10

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

## Friday-Sunday, February 10-12

- ♦ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Forged By Fire." Cost is \$45 per person. Sign up online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org).

## Saturday, February 11

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in Adult 3. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. RSVP to Josh Blackmer by Sunday, February 5.

## Friday, February 17

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

## Saturday, February 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway and Skye Brown at Waterford (601 Universe Blvd). All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## Monday, February 6

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

## Saturday, February 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway and Skye Brown at Waterford (601 Universe Blvd). 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, March 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Gary & Jacqui Jenkins. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Monday, March 13

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



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, February 5

- ♦ **No His Kids Class** today. Class will resume next week.

## Monday, February 6

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

## Saturday, February 11

- ♦ **Valentine's Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be food, games, crafts and a service project. RSVP and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/eCQABwm>. See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.
- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants (no holes). RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

# A Chapter A Day

*Keeps me on the Lord's way*

## READING THROUGH THE *New Testament* IN A YEAR

### For the Month of *February*

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
January 29



We rejoice with **Casey & Claire Crews** who were baptized on Monday, January 30. They are listed in the church directory with their parents.



## Directory Changes

**Dan & Luann McLeod** no longer have a home phone. They are only using their cell phones.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

### Sunday, February 5th

Mike & Tasha Ellis (Ann.)  
Joel & Jessica Ramirez (Ann.)  
Cris Cuevas  
Maurine Reed

### Monday, February 6th

Kenneth Long  
Sherrie Tibbetts

### Thursday, February 9th

Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)  
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)

### Friday, February 10th

Pete & Pat Brown (Ann.)

### Saturday, February 11th

David Brown

## 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, February 5

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Michael Ellis  
Scripture Reading ..... James Green  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Ivan Villard  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Kirk Crews

#### Serve at Table:

Gorman Ericksen    Islay Rodriguez  
Graysen Hayes      Jim Rogers  
Kameron Heitler    Joseph Snyder  
Hunter Hinton      Cristian Suarez  
Jeff Leslie          Marty Williams

### Sunday Evening, February 5

Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale  
Scripture Reading ..... Jim Davis  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Kane Campbell  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Archer

#### Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale    Joe Maloney

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Daniel Lord

Video this week: Todd Juckett

### Wednesday Evening, February 8

Singing ..... Graysen Hayes  
Invitation ..... Tim Cox  
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

## Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 29	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	178	160
Sun. AM Worship	262	251
Sun. PM Worship	116	110
Wed. Bible Study	106	125
Mission Sunday	\$259,125	\$16,261

2023 Weekly Budget: \$TBA

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Michael Erickson  
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams

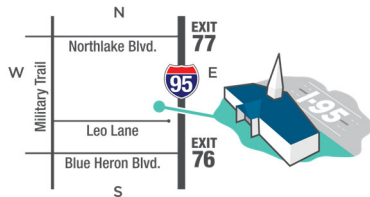




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
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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.

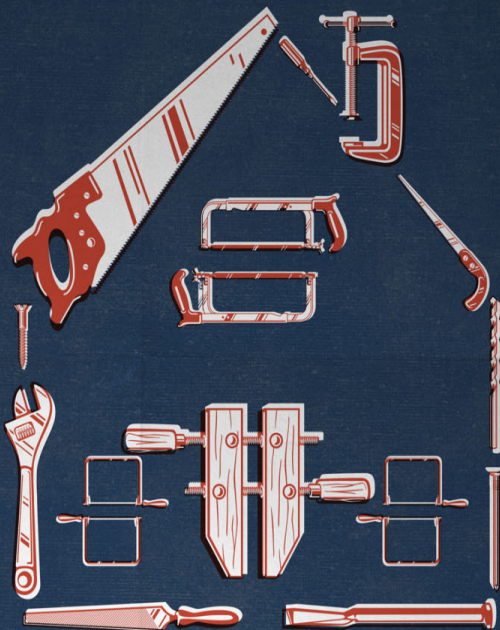
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Bible classes ..... 7:00 p.m.



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SO THOSE WHO WERE ENGAGED IN THE  
WORK LABORED, AND THE REPAIRING  
WENT FORWARD IN THEIR HANDS, AND

# they restored the house of God

TO ITS PROPER CONDITION  
AND STRENGTHENED IT.

2 CHRONICLES 24:13