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Gospel Meeting
with **Jeff Jenkins**

March 5-8, 2023

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Luke 2 -
Luke 6*

God's **GLORIOUS PLAN** for Us

Sunday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. **A Prayer for the Church**
- 10:00 a.m. **The Christian's Position "In Christ"**
- 11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner-on-the-Grounds (All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 12:45 p.m. **Alive Together "With Christ"**

Monday, March 6

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **Fellow Laborers** (Revelation 1:9)
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 1-2 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **The Eternal Plan of God**

Tuesday, March 7

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **A Glimpse into Glory** (Revelation 4)
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 3-4 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **What Jesus Did for Us on the Cross**

Wednesday, March 8

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **The Lion & the Lamb** (Revelation 5)
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **The Christian's Practice in Christ**



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: **Jeff Jenkins**

Jeff Jenkins has been preaching the gospel for more than 45 years. He holds a number of gospel meetings each year, lectures and conducts seminars on a variety of topics. He and his brother, Dale, founded "The Jenkins Institute"—a work dedicated to encouraging preachers around the world. Jeff and his wife, Laura, were married for 38 years before her passing in 2019. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Pat Brown	dealing with health issues
Pete Brown	Jupiter Medical Center, visitors are welcome
Linda Coe	pain and swelling in her knees
Willie Cox	recovering from another fall
Tim Fry	recovering from double bypass surgery, NO visitors
Gwen Lyons	surgery on her ankle on March 2
Sherri Richmond	slowly recovering from oral surgery
Betty Sanders	dealing with stage 4 colon cancer
Sam Simpkins	recovering from surgery on 3 cancerous bladder tumors
Jettie Sweetenburg	lung cancer, chemo & radiation treatments
Richard Watson	successful appendectomy, NO visitors

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Robin Landen	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	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	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Russ Algeier	Sandy Colage's brother, recovering at home
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, recovering from multiple seizures
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Carolyn Deem	Allison Roman's mother, recovering from a mild stroke
Brian Harvey	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, prostate cancer
Libby Harvey	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's mom, knee replacement
Chelsea McLean	Brad Dubuisson's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, chemo treatments
Lillie Teague	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



By Dan Jenkins

His Presence in the Assembly of the Saints

I am not sure about all the details of the assembly that the psalmist mentions in Psalm 111, but I do know that a great blessing awaits us in how the assembly applies to our lives. The psalmist said, "Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation." He calls that assembly, "the congregation."

There is an assembly, a congregation, we know that is part of Christianity. Who does not know these words? "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some..." (Heb. 10:25). This is the church, and this assembly is when she gathers to worship. If the psalmist rejoiced at the opportunity to be part of the congregation when it assembled, how much more should we!

The psalmist described the assembly as the made up, those who were the upright. Peter describes our assembly as being "living stones," who are part of "a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God." But, he does not stop with these words in describing those righteous ones who are in that assembly. He says, "You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people" (1 Pet. 2:5, 9). These are those who assemble to praise the Lord.

**There is an
unseen guest
every week in
the assembly of
the holy saints**

Consider what a blessing it is to assemble with God's chosen ones. Consider what happens every time I am part of that congregation of priests who serve Him.

These upright ones sing to me, and I sing to them as we join our voices in praising the Lord. The unseen guest in the midst of that assembly is Jesus (Heb. 2:12).

These upright ones share in bringing gifts to present to the Lord every week to enable the world to learn about the Master. Jesus was visible when He watched the widow cast in her two mites. He is the unseen guest who sees us as we give.

These upright ones listen, as I listen to the Lord speak in that assembly. He was the visible teacher in the Sermon on the Mount, but He is the invisible Teacher in the assembly, as we study the exact same words in our worship of Him.

These upright ones join me in prayers in that assembly. We pray together in His name because wherever two or three pray together, He is our unseen guest (Matt. 18:20).

These upright ones share the memorial feast remembering Him. We have communion in the body and the blood of that unseen guest. He promised He would be present and share it with us (Matt. 26:29).

He is present every week. I hope you are!



By David Sproule

Our Tongue Can Keep Us from God's Presence

David asked a very necessary question of God in Psalm 15—"Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?" Who may dwell with God—in this life and in the next? There are eleven virtues listed in response to that question. Consider just three of them in verse 3.

"Does not backbite with his tongue." The word "backbite" (or "slander" in some translations) is from a Hebrew word that is most often translated as "spies" or "spy out" (1 Sam. 26:4; Josh. 7:2). At its root, the word means "to spy, explore, go about." Think about that concept in regard to spying out something about our neighbor, in order to have a juicy piece of gossip to share with others. A person who does such finds no approval in the eyes of God, but only condemnation. Old Testament law forbade one to "go about as a talebearer among your people" (Lev. 19:16). In the New Testament, there is no approved place for one who is "wandering about from house to house," being a "busybody in other people's matters," and "saying things which they ought not" (1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15).

"Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend." The Hebrew for "take up" means and is often translated, "to bear, carry; to carry along." While some may find solace in the

fact that they did not initiate a malicious rumor or go spying out a good piece of gossip to share, it is just as evil in the eyes of God to "pick up" (by listening) and then "carry along" (by harboring and sharing) personal information about another that is not yours to hear and to share. If a person begins to share something they have heard about another, our immediate reaction should be to interrupt their words, discontinue the conversation, express total disinterest in the information

and walk away. The wise man tells us, "Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on" (Prov. 4:15). That is what agape love does! Rather than stirring "up strife" (which is evidence of "hatred"), "love covers all sins" (Prov. 10:12), for in being "kind," love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor. 13:4, 7).

"Nor does evil to his neighbor." In summary, David reminds us that my responsibility to my neighbors is to "love" them as I love myself (Matt. 22:39), to "esteem" them as "better than" myself (Phil. 2:3), to "look out...for [their] interests" and not only my "own" (Phil. 2:4), to "seek" their "well-being" and not merely my "own" (1 Cor. 10:24), to "do good" to them (Gal. 6:10) and to do them "no harm" (Rom. 13:10). We call that "The Golden Rule" (Luke 6:31). Are we living that? Are we following the example of Jesus (Phil. 2:3-8)? Have we wrestled our heart and tongue into submission so that we might dwell with our God?

**"Avoid it, do
not travel on it;
turn away from
it and pass on"
(Prov. 4:15).**



By Josh Blackmer

The Conditions of God

There are those who would preach and praise God for His boundless love and grace. For both of those I am eternally thankful. However, some use words like “reckless” and “unconditional” to describe these attributes of God. These words go beyond the scope of what the Bible says. God is certainly not reckless with anything He does, and there are conditions in the Bible. Here are a few for your consideration.

“John answered and said, ‘A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven’” (John 3:27). John was speaking about revelation and knowledge of the Christ. We understand that to be true by seeking heavenly truths in God’s word (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 John 9; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jas. 1:17). “And he said, ‘Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him” (Acts 8:31). The Ethiopian needed one to explain the prophecy more clearly to him. We understand that unless we understand clearly what God expects of us, we will be in the same position (John 6:45; Matt. 28:19; Jer. 10:23; Rom. 10:14-15). “Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules” (2 Tim. 2:5). This is a basic principle and is applicable in our obedience to God as well (John 3:5; Matt. 18:3; Luke 13:3, 5; John 15:10; Rev. 2:5). “So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, un-

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less you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves” (John 6:53).

There is great sacrifice required to serve the Lord (Rom. 12:1; Gal. 2:20). “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20). We know that our righteousness cannot be simply an outward show (Phil. 1:27; 2 Pet. 3:11; Eph. 4:1). “Unless the LORD builds the house,

They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain” (Psa. 127:1). Just as Christ said He would build His church so are we built up as a spiritual house with our foundation in God (Col. 2:7; 1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 3:4).

These are some clear examples of conditions in the Bible. If God’s love and grace were truly recklessly unconditional, then it wouldn’t matter what I did. There would be no conditions. Clear reason and a reading of the Scriptures like these and many others teach that there are conditions. “If the LORD had not been my help, My soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence” (Psa. 94:17). “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:5). If God requires anything of us, He is putting conditions on the relationship. If a man or a woman loved and tried to have a relationship without conditions, we would call it reckless and not beautiful.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Be not dismayed!

These may be the very words that you need to hear today. It may be that you didn’t sleep well last night, or maybe not at all. Have there been some circumstances, health issues or relationships that have deteriorated so drastically in recent days that your heart is aching, your mind is numb, and you feel like you don’t know what to do?

Read this slowly. Read every word and pause as you do. “Be. Not. Dismayed. Whate’er. Betide. God. Will. Take. Care. Of. You. Beneath. His. Wings. Of. Love. Abide. God. Will. Take. Care. Of. You. Lean. Weary. One. Upon. His. Breast. God. Will. Take. Care. Of. You. Through. Every. Day. O’er. All. The. Way. He. Will. Take. Care. Of. You.”

Civilla D. Martin wrote those words in poetic form just over 100 years ago (in 1904). But, Isaiah wrote these inspired words over 2,700 years ago: “Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand...He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom” (Isa. 40:10-11). He is “with you” (41:10). He will “help you” (41:13). He “cares for you” (1 Pet. 5:7). – DS



Brain misfiring

I think every preacher has been there. Unfortunately, it happens to this preacher too often—most recently saying that a certain church family had requested, “No prayers,” instead of saying that they had requested, “No visitors.” Big difference. Big mistake.

Aren’t you glad (and abundantly encouraged) that our God never (not even once) had a brain misfire, a tongue misfire or a deed misfire!? Folks will sometimes say today (in various circumstances), “God doesn’t make mistakes!” And that’s the absolute truth!

“As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven” (Psa. 18:30). No one can justifiably say to God, “You have done wrong” (Job 36:23), for He never has! No one can (or ever has) served God as “His counselor” or “showed Him the way of understanding” (Isa. 40:13-14). When you pick up your Bible, be reminded and assured that our God is perfect, and therefore His Word is perfect (Psa. 19:7). Trust it unconditionally! The mind of God never misfires! – DS



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday-Wednesday, March 5-8

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting with Jeff Jenkins.** This year's theme is "God's Glorious Plan for Us."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

Friday, March 10

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing.

Monday, March 13

- ♦ **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 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, March 14

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

Friday, March 17

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Wear green! 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 18

- ♦ **Door-Knocking in Clewiston.** More details coming soon.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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. 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.

Friday, March 17

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Wear green! 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 25

- ♦ **Youth & YA Family Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Location TBD. Bring a bike and your lunch. Bike rentals will be available.

Saturday, April 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, March 12

- ♦ **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, March 13

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

Friday, March 17

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Wear green! All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Saturday, March 25

- ♦ **Youth & YA Family Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop. Bring a bike and your lunch. Bike rentals are available at our meeting location (Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop).

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 26

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. & Mrs. John & Corinn Miller; Mrs. Liz Otero; and Mr. David Portelles.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagon, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Tina Daniels, Pamplico, SC; Mr. Titus Dauck, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Cheri Erickson, Kennebunk, ME; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Susan Joy, New Albany, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Peggy Lewis, Columbia, TN; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Payne, Oneida, TN; and Mr. Tyler Slawter, Nashville, TN.

God's GLORIOUS PLAN for Us

We are having a **potluck luncheon on Sunday** after morning worship and **potluck dinners on Monday-Wednesday** at 6:00 p.m. Please bring plenty of food and drinks for your family and extra for our guests. All are invited!

Our Family Groups are in charge of set up and clean up each day for the potluck dinners:

Sunday: ALL Family Groups

Monday: Family Groups 1 & 2

Tuesday: Family Groups 3 & 4

Wednesday: ALL Family Groups

It's girl!

Congratulations to **Brent & Andrea Leslie** upon the birth of their **daughter, Amelia Reese**, on February 27 weighing 9 lbs, 15 oz.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, March 5th

John Hoelzer

Wednesday, March 8th

Susan Preston

Bereather Williams

Monday, March 6th

Susie Cox

Thursday, March 9th

Bonnie Quigley

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, March 5

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Willie Smith
Scripture Reading Taylor Reeves
Singing
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Cox

Serve at Table:

Trey Higbee	Tim Mahlbacher
Namddie Ikon	John Patrick
Richard Kelley	Vincent Rogers
Orlando Lolo	Nahum Villard
Steward Lynch	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, March 5

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Robert Mariano
Scripture Reading Tim Fry
Singing
Lord's Supper Philip Porter
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tom Garrison

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Nicholas Pietro
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Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Daniel Lord

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, March 8

Singing Gary Friedly
Invitation Jeff Jenkins
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 26	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	168	158
Sun. AM Worship	271	254
Sun. PM Worship	119	120
Wed. Bible Study	137	125
Contribution	\$15,880	\$18,331

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,295

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

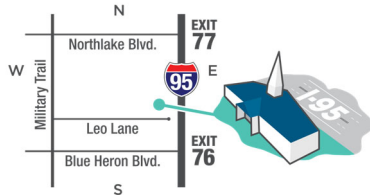
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Victor Colage
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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: Johnny & Betty Davis

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).

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST