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**Our Gospel Meeting is not over!**  
**It keeps on going...on our website!**

### God's Glorious Plan for Us

Jeff Jenkins conducted a Gospel Meeting at the PBL church of Christ on March 5-8, 2023.

#### The Lion & the Lamb (Revelation 5)

March 8, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### The Christian's Practice in Christ

March 8, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### What Jesus did for Us on the Cross

March 7, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### A Glimpse Into Glory (Revelation 4)

March 7, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### The Eternal Plan of God

March 6, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### Fellow Laborers (Revelation 1:9)

March 6, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### Alive Together "With Christ"

March 5, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### The Christian's Position "in Christ"

March 5, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

#### A Prayer for the Church

March 5, 2023 Sermon Jeff Jenkins

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter  
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Luke 7 -  
Luke 11*

**Watch. Listen. Share. Repeat.**



By Dan Jenkins

## Keeping His Words and Pondering Them in Our Hearts

Looking carefully into the heart of Mary, the mother of Jesus, can teach us so much about dealing with what God has said to us even when we do not understand it. She obviously knew the words from heaven's messenger and believed them. Gabriel said, "You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus" (Luke 1:31). She knew the words were true, she understood them to the best of her knowledge. These very words were in her unwritten "Bible"—the same words in our written Scriptures. How did she respond? "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

Isn't that what happens to us as we hear the messages from heaven when we read the Scripture? We know what is said, but we try to figure out what they mean and how they apply to our lives. Unbelievers may deny what is said and ignore God's words. We are not like them. We know they are true but immediately seek to find the meaning of the words.

There was so much that was happening in Mary's life. Did she fully understand the words of Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist? Was it possible that she might have known what the scribes knew about the city where Jesus was born? Is it possible she made that eighty-mile journey from Nazareth to

Bethlehem having insight about how God was working in her life to fulfil His will? We do not know. We read the words and we know "the rest of the story." She heard the words of God, but there was no way she could understand them as fully as we do.

After the shepherds left her with the Child wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in that manger, the Bible says, "But Mary kept all these things...in her heart" (Luke 2:19). They had told her what they had seen in the field and heard the words from heaven that the child wrapped in swaddling clothes was the Messiah (Luke 2:11). There had to be so many unanswered questions, but she kept every word she had heard in her heart.

The text says even more. "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." One Greek scholar says this about the word "pondered." "Placing together for comparison. Mary would go over each detail in the words of Gabriel and of the shepherds and compared the saying with the facts so far developed and brood over it all with a mother's high hopes and joys."

So, as you read the Bible and find difficult verses, do not ever forget them. Keep the words in your heart and ponder over them. Sometimes it may take a long time to sort things out, but never set them aside. Keep them, ponder over them and as you hunger and thirst you will be filled (Matt. 5:6).

**Mary shows us  
how to deal with  
the words of God  
we seek to un-  
derstand**



By David Sproule

## What Is Your Heart Open to Receive?

If you walk into a crowded restaurant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and shout, "Roll Tide," what kind of reaction do you suppose that you would receive? Now, take that same, simple message and declare it with just as much passion in a crowded restaurant in Auburn, Alabama. Do you suppose that you will receive the same response in the Auburn restaurant as you did in the Tuscaloosa restaurant? Why is that? Or, you could go to those same restaurants and shout, "War Eagle," and the response would be just as divided. Again, if the same message is proclaimed in both places, why is there a difference in response?

The difference is the heart of the hearers. While the message can be exactly the same (and even simple in its content), two different hearts can have two very different reactions. This is certainly seen in the Parable of the Soils in Matthew 13, as four different hearts responded in four different ways to the seed of God's Word. It is also seen in the book of Acts.

In Acts 2, Peter and the apostles were preaching in Jerusalem (probably in one of courtyards of the temple). They preached to the Jews about Jesus Christ—that the Jews had "crucified" Jesus, but "God raised" Him up (2:22-24). At the hearing of this message, many "were cut to the heart" (2:37)—

meaning they were "pierced, stabbed with a sharp pain of anxiety and remorse." Their hearts were open and receptive to the gospel, and as a result, they heard, changed and obeyed.

But, go to Acts 5. Peter and the apostles were preaching in Jerusalem again—this time before the Jewish leaders in the Sanhedrin. The apostles preached the very same message—the Jews had "murdered" Jesus by "hanging on a tree," but God "raised" Him up (5:29-32). At the hearing of this message, many "were cut to the heart" (5:33, KJV). However, this is different Greek word, which means they were "sawn asunder, rent with vexation, cut to the quick, infuriated inwardly, enraged." Their hearts were closed off to the gospel, and as a result, they did not receive it and rejected it outright.

Friend, which one of these passages represents the kind of heart that you have to the teachings of God's Word? Are you open and receptive, or are you closed off and resistant? Why is it (like the illustration of shouting "Roll Tide" in two different restaurants) that two hearts can react very differently to a message about attending on Sunday nights and Wednesdays, or about drinking alcohol, or about modesty, or about some other Bible subject? It is because a person has already made up his/her mind about something (even like a football team) and will accept only a message that matches his/her heart. What is your heart open to receive?

**Why is it  
that two hearts  
can react very  
differently to the  
same message?**





By Josh Blackmer

## To Eulogize Our Lord

You have probably heard or read one. A eulogy is reserved for the dead to speak of their deeds in life. Those admirable traits and praiseworthy moments, if there are any, help us to remember the person for who they were. Some have said that life might be a little sweeter if we daily said the things that we typically reserve for funerals. The apostle Paul thought so. In Ephesians 1:3-10, Paul wrote a eulogy to God. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:3a). The word "blessed" (*makarioi*), which means "happy," was used in the beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-11), but it is not the word used in Ephesians 1:3. A different word is used, *eulogeo*, a word from which we get our English word "eulogy," which means to speak well of or to celebrate with praises. Paul wishes to eulogize or to speak well of God.

This is something that we read a lot in the books of poetry (Psa. 146:1-10). Paul begins his eulogy to the living God praising Him for the blessings that He has shown us (Eph. 1:3-4). He speaks of all the spiritual blessings we have in Christ, mentioning that we were blessed even before the foundation of the world (Psa. 90:1-2; Deut. 33:27). We are reminded to praise God because He adopted us (Eph. 1:5). This is a repeating theme for Paul (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5). We are grateful

**It is clear that we  
are blessed  
beyond our own  
understanding.**

to God that He granted us into a promise that we had no part in through natural birth but through spiritual birth.

We should praise God because He extends grace (Eph. 1:6). We were bestowed this grace through the Beloved, speaking of Christ, once again highlighting the Son's part in the eulogy. We should praise God because He redeems and forgives (Eph. 1:7-8a). This again is attributed to His grace that was "lavished on us" (1:8a). From this word we get our word "issue," like the military issuing gear to a soldier. With the prefix on this word, it latterly reads "super-issued." We have been given abundant grace to our redemption and forgiveness. How can we keep from praising Him? We should praise God because He has made known His will and all that was accomplished in Christ (1:8a-10). He didn't have to, but He laid everything out and essentially says, "This is what I have done for you." We should praise Him because we have received an inheritance (Eph. 1:11-12). We're not just His children but children with an inheritance.

Finally, we should praise Him because He sent the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14). That act was done as a pledge and "with a view to the redemption of God's own possession." The work of the Holy Spirit in the early church was for our redemption. It is clear that we are blessed beyond our own understanding. One day we will be able to eulogize Him face to face. Until then, let's keep these in our hearts and minds.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Parents, which one matters?

An angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias to tell him that he was going to have a son. There would be three distinct responses to his coming. (1) John's parents, Zacharias and Elizabeth, would "have joy and gladness" (Luke 1:14). What a joy it is when parents find joy in their children! But that is not the main focus here! (2) "Many" people would hear about John and "rejoice" at his birth and "with" his mother" (Luke 1:14, 58). What a joy it is when other folks see potential, value and ability in your child! But that is not the main focus here!

Read the very next statement. (3) "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord" (Luke 1:15). That! That is what matters!

How often is the greatest emphasis in raising children placed on keeping the parents happy, OR on wanting them to succeed and be recognized and accepted in sports or business or good friends? Really, really ALL that matters is if your child is "great in the sight of the Lord"! What are you doing to that end? – DS



### We miss you on Sunday night and Wednesday night

There may be some who are offended at this title or some who will not read the article because of the title, but can I tell you briefly what's on my heart?

The Bible calls the church the "body" of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23), and when a part of our body is not here with us, we miss you (like we would miss part of our physical body). The Bible calls the church the "family" (i.e., household) of God (1 Tim. 3:15), and when a part of our family is not here with us, we miss you (like we would miss part of our physical family).

You are loved. You are needed. You are wanted. There is truly a sense of "togetherness" and "completeness" and "happiness" when you are here, and likewise, there is a sense of "emptiness" and "disconnectedness" and "sadness" when you are not here. There is something special about the church being together on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights, and it would be even more special to have you here, too! One more time—we love you and we miss you! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Pete Brown</b>	in Heartland (room 206), would love to have visitors
<b>Linda Coe</b>	pain and swelling in her knees
<b>Tim Fry</b>	recovering from double bypass surgery, NO visitors
<b>Sylvester Jackson</b>	ICU in JFK Hospital, recovering from heart attack on 3/9
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	slowly recovering from oral surgery
<b>Betty Sanders</b>	dealing with stage 4 colon cancer
<b>Sam Simpkins</b>	recovering from surgery on 3 cancerous bladder tumors
<b>Jettie Sweetenburg</b>	lung cancer, finished most of her treatments last week
<b>Richard Watson</b>	recovering at home from appendectomy, NO visitors
<b>Trina Wright</b>	recovering from outpatient surgery on her back

## 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	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Joan Alberga</b>	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
<b>Carolyn Deem</b>	Allison Roman's mother, recovering from a mild stroke
<b>Brian Harvey</b>	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, prostate cancer
<b>Libby Harvey</b>	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's mom, knee replacement
<b>Chelsea McLean</b>	Brad Dubuisson's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, chemo treatments
<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, March 12

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ♦ **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.

## Monday, March 13

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study.**
- ♦ **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.

## 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. Bring a dessert.

## Saturday, March 18

- ♦ **Door-Knocking in Clewiston.** This event is for all members, in an effort to help the Clewiston church. We will leave at 8:15 a.m., knock on doors from 10:00 a.m. until noon, eat lunch together, and be back around 2:00 p.m.

## Friday, March 24

- ♦ **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, March 18

- ♦ **Door-Knocking in Clewiston.** This event is for all members, in an effort to help the Clewiston church. We will leave at 8:15 a.m., knock on doors from 10:00 a.m. until noon, eat lunch together, and be back around 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway at Waterford. This will be a potluck event. Please bring a main dish, dessert, and/or drinks. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

## 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. 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.

## Sunday, March 19

- ♦ **Jr. & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Ally Alberga. Bring your Bible, drinks and desserts.

# A Chapter A Day

*Keeps me on the Lord's way*

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

### For the Month of *March*

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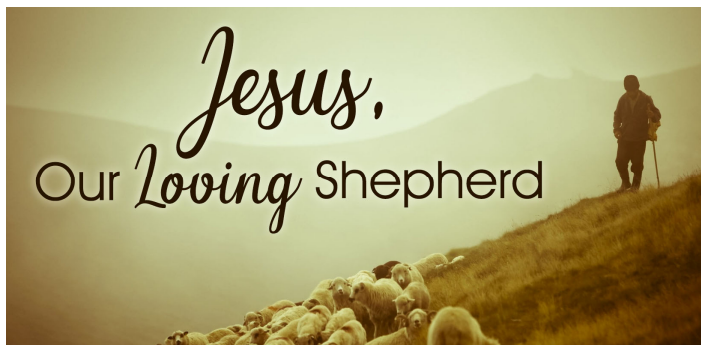
***"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)***



Sunday,  
March 5



We rejoice with **Amira Hill** who was baptized on Tuesday, March 7. She is Willie & Giselle Smith's granddaughter.



Mark your calendar! Our **40th Annual Ladies' Day** is on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. **Lacy Crowell** of Henderson, TN will be speaking on *"Jesus, Our Loving Shepherd."*

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Howard Krakauer; Mr. & Mrs. Leon & Shirley Manko; Mr. Don McClintock; Mrs. Liz Otero; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Elaine Thompson; and Mr. Terry West.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Brandon & Brittanie Cable, Sparks, NV; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Ms. Lizzie Dixon, Miramar, FL; Mrs. Lisa, Caroline & Kristen Freund, Brentwood, TN; Ms. Christine Johnson, Miami Gardens, FL; Ms. Janice Machalak, Clinton Township, MI; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mrs. Christine Murray, Weeki Wachee, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & RanJuan Richardson, TX; and Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Kay Richardson, Round Rock, TX.



Sunday, March 12th  
Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)

Tuesday, March 14th  
Mike Erickson

Monday, March 13th  
Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)  
Vivian Blackmer  
Leesa Schenk

Wednesday, March 15th  
Jamie Green

Thursday, March 16th  
Tim Cox  
Lynne Jorgensen

## 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 12

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Lord's Supper ..... Dion Hayes  
Singing  
Opening Prayer ..... Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Scripture Reading ..... Gary Jenkins  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... David Holaday

#### Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Daniel Lord
Addison Collins	David Perez
Devin Eutsey	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez	Dirk Summerlot
Freddie Gadson	Brandon Widner

### Sunday Evening, March 12

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Opening Prayer ..... Bob Higbee  
Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Darin Summerlot  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes

#### Serve at Table:

Islay J. Rodriguez    Leonard Williams

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Cris Cuevas

Video this week: Edward Gager

### Wednesday Evening, March 15

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... John Hoelzer  
Family Prayer ..... Jeff Leslie

## Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 5	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	203	163
Sun. AM Worship	302	253
Sun. PM Worship	140	116
Wed. Bible Study	146	128
Contribution	\$19,454	\$16,143

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$9,299

Service Coordinator:  
Eugene Williams

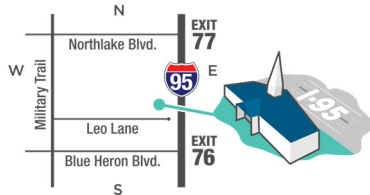
Ushers for this week: Dan McLeod & Daniel Swayne  
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



# 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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**Daisy Lord & Samantha Eutsey**

ONE'S PRIDE WILL  
BRING HIM LOW,

BUT HE WHO IS  
LOWLY IN SPIRIT  
WILL OBTAIN HONOR.

PROVERBS 29:23