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 Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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 Victor Colage..... 719-1490  
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## Welcome New Members



Hill, Amira

Group 2

Baptized March 7



Robinson, Malita

Group 1

Identified March 12

### 2 CHRONICLES 20:12

O OUR GOD, WILL YOU NOT EXECUTE JUDGMENT ON THEM? FOR WE ARE POWERLESS AGAINST THIS GREAT HORDE THAT IS COMING AGAINST US. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT

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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter  
 A Day*

*This Week's Reading:*

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O xnh#9#



By Dan Jenkins

## Letters in the Sand, Washed Away

Pat Boone was not the only singer who recorded it, but he was the one whose version soared to the greatest heights in the late 50s. He sang about how he and his loved one wrote "Love Letters in the Sand" and how his heart was broken as the incoming tide washed those letters away. Think about this for a moment, and you can see there are many things in our life we need to have washed out.

Sometimes we need to wash away the anger in our lives. Anger itself is not sinful. It is a godly quality. The psalmist said, "God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psa. 7:11). However, he also said, "Be angry and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah" (Psa. 2:12). Jesus is the One we long to be exactly as He was. "He looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their heart" (Mark 3:6). So, the next time you see evil, or when someone has wronged you, do not engrave their words in stone within your heart. We are commanded, "Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath" (Eph. 4:26). Let the waves of *agape* love wash away your anger.

Write your "list" of past accomplishments in the sand and let them be washed away. Human nature is to look at one-

self and think about what he/she has personally accomplished. Paul did not keep a list of all those he had baptized so that he might tell others about it (1 Cor. 1:16-17). Serve Him every day but avoid the pitfall of pride of glorying about how brightly our lights have been shining. Paul had done so much, but when He looked inward, He said, "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal..." (Phil. 3:13-14, ESV). Jesus said, "When you have done all those things commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do'" (Luke 17:10). Let the waves of humility wash away past accomplishments.

Finally, write the sins of the past in the sand. Far too many Christians, even knowing they are forgiven, carry the guilt of past sins and this discourages them. You can never forget past wrongs, but you can let them be overshadowed by the remembrance of that time when God forgave them. He forgives the ungodly when they are baptized, but He forgives the godly when they acknowledge their sins. We should be thankful that He has said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Get rid of the burden of guilt, write those wrongs in the sand and let His blood wash them away.

**There are so many things we should write in the sand, not engrave in stones**



By David Sproule

## A Child Shall Lead Them? NO!

Sometimes (maybe that should say oftentimes) the verse from Isaiah 11 is misquoted and misapplied, but usually done so in a playful, innocent way. As Isaiah saw into the future kingdom (i.e., church) of the coming King Jesus, he saw a time of forthcoming unity, which would be characterized by a sweet harmony among its citizens, as if wolves and lambs were united together in peace. The peace would be so loving and prevalent that a "little child" could come among these wild beasts and "lead them" (11:6).

That is the context and meaning of Isaiah's statement, "A little child shall lead them," but what we see happening amongst us today with our children is definitely not what Isaiah had in mind. Brethren, I want you to think hard on this. Things are backwards today from what they should be, and unfortunately what we see today is that children are leading their parents. Don't believe me? Consider some examples.

A child is born and all of a sudden, "Oh, we can't go to church. We can't go to that church activity. The baby/toddler/youngling has to eat on schedule or sleep on schedule. We can't interrupt the schedule." A child shall lead them.

A child goes to school and all of a sudden, "Oh, we can't be there for all of the services or church activities. The

kid has homework to do or sports or other extracurricular activities." A child shall lead them.

A child becomes a teenager and starts to push back against going to Bible class, going to worship, participating in church youth group activities, etc. "Oh, we don't want to force him. If we make him come, he might turn against God altogether." A child shall lead them.

A child grows up, becomes an adult, maybe even gets married, and comes back to visit mom and dad on the weekend. "Oh, we won't be at worship tonight or Bible class on Wednesday night. Our kids are home, and we are going to spend time with them." A child shall lead them.

Do you see the problem? Do you see how we are allowing our kids to lead us, INSTEAD of us leading our children? God tells parents to "teach," "bring up," "nurture," "discipline," "train" and "instruct" the kids (Deut. 6:7; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4), NOT the other way around, with the kids training the parents! Such leads TO disaster and AWAY from the Lord! Guaranteed!

Look back to the chapter that is often misused. Jesus was coming and "His delight is in the fear of the Lord" (11:3). Is ours? "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord" (11:9). If the earth would be, what about our homes? Parents, it's time for us to lead and to stop being led!

**What we see happening is definitely not what Isaiah had in mind.**



By Josh Blackmer

## Four Mistakes About the Christ

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ?" (Matt. 22:41-42). On another occasion, Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" (Matt. 16:13). This is an important question. Consider opinions expressed regarding the Christ. "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him" (Mark 6:3). "Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, 'John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.' Others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets'" (Mark 6:14-15). "And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out" (Mark 6:49). "Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone" (John 6:15).

People have many ideas about Christ. Some are right, others are wrong, and many are incomplete. There were some mistakes made in the passages above and some lessons we can learn from them. What did these men discover about Jesus? They spoke of His proximity and humanity—"Is this not the

carpenter?" They spoke of His power—"Therefore these powers are at work in Him." They spoke about the mystery surrounding Him supposing Him to be a spirit. They also referenced His sovereignty that they would make Him king. They made the mistake of limiting Him by their own opinions. They failed to see Christ through the eyes of Scripture. Every criticism of Christ is a revelation, not of Christ, but of the person who makes the criticism. Man limits Christ's power in their

lives by the limitations of their concept of Him. Christ is just as great in our lives as we allow Him to be. Christ should be seen in light of His relationship to His Father and His mission. Christ should be seen in light of Scripture. Christ should be seen in light of His mighty works. Christ should be seen in the lives of Christians. When Christ is finally seen as He is, we, with Thomas say, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). Paul would say, "I know whom I have be-

lieved and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Tim. 1:12). Jesus prayed, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3).

Let us continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus the Christ. With that proper understanding, we are equipped to share a correct image of who Jesus is. It is clear that human opinions don't matter. Only a true knowledge of our Lord and His work matters.

**It is imperative  
we know who  
Christ is.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### How close to evil can I get?

The child of God must have nothing to do with evil! There is no place of any kind where evil is permitted in our lives! Consider how much the book of Proverbs has to say about this.

First, the wise man warns and condemns everyone who "desires evil" (Prov. 21:10), "devises evil" (12:20; 14:22), "seeks evil" (11:27), "pursues evil" (11:19), "brings about evil" (16:30) or "rewards evil for good" (17:13). This should not surprise us!

But, the wise man also calls upon followers of God to make sure that their walk is distinct. Note the clarity and potency of these declarations: "DEPART from evil" (3:7; 14:16; 16:6, 17), "do not DEVISE evil" (3:29), "do not WALK in the way of evil" (4:14), "REMOVE your foot from evil" (4:27), "HATE evil" (8:13), "do not be ENVIOUS of evil men" (24:1), "do not FRET because of evildoers" (24:19). "A prudent man FORESEES evil and HIDES himself" (22:3; 27:12). No wonder Paul tells Christians, "Abstain from EVERY form of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22). Are you? – DS



### Don't make it harder than it is!

Do you know any Christians who make being a Christian "harder than it should be"? Some folks look at living the Christian life as a "hard" thing to do (and certainly some things are "difficult," Matt. 7:14), but most of the time what folks are doing is making it "harder" in their heads than it actually is.

Folks say things like, "The elders want me to go to church three times a week. I'm not sure how I'm going to do that." Or, "I can't keep up with this Bible reading schedule. It's way too much, so I need to take a break." Or, "I don't get to go out with my friends, because they're going places that I'm not supposed to go and doing things that I probably shouldn't be doing."

Friends, so much of this is just a matter of the heart. "As [a person] thinks in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). When you throw your heart into living for Jesus, things like this stop being "hard" and start being "fun," "desired" and "preferred." Is all-out living for Jesus your "preferred" lifestyle? – 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 at home from double bypass surgery
<b>Sylvester Jackson</b>	JFK Medical Center, surgery on 3/20 to insert stents
<b>Rose Martens</b>	in the hospital with pneumonia, NO visitors please
<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>	finished her treatments for her lung cancer for now
<b>Richard Watson</b>	recovering at home from appendectomy
<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>Brian Harvey</b>	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, prostate cancer
<b>Chelsea McLean</b>	Brad Dubuisson's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, new chemo treatments
<b>Julie Swindler</b>	Tim Mahlbacher's sister, uterine cancer 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, March 19

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

## Monday, March 20

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Tuesday, March 21

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

## 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 25

- ♦ **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.

## Saturday, March 25 (cont.)

- ♦ **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.

## Sunday-Wednesday, March 26-29

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston.** Dan Jenkins will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

## Saturday, April 1

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Becky Blackmon and Jo Ann Beasley will be speaking. Coffee and pastries will be served at 8:45 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

## Sunday, April 16

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## Saturday, March 25

- ♦ **Youth & YA Family Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. at Riverbend Park. Bring a bike and your lunch. Bike rentals are available at Riverbend. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Saturday, April 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Monday, April 3

- ♦ **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, April 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, March 19

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Ally Alberga. Bring your Bible, drinks and desserts.

## Saturday, March 25

- ♦ **Youth & YA Family Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. at Riverbend Park. Bring a bike and your lunch. Bike rentals are available at Riverbend. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Monday, April 3

- ♦ **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, April 8

- ♦ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. & Sr. High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. There will be games and activities following the hunt.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> ☆ <b>Ladies' Day</b> <b>hosted by Sixth Street</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> b Taylor Reeves
<b>2</b> a Bill & Allison Snyder b Lorena Pittman	<b>3</b> ☆ <b>Men's Meet</b> b Giselle Smith	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> b Elizabeth Summerlot	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> b Krystian Dubuisson	<b>8</b> ☆ <b>Egg Hunt for Grades 5 &amp; Under</b> b Micky Affron b Jean Archer b Zula Garrett b Nadia King
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles b Jennifer Higbee b Rose Martens	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> b Kaylani Carmona b Mendy Crews	<b>13</b> a Henry & Bereather Williams b Marcia Clough-Moss	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> a Aaron & Squadeina Ross
<b>16</b> ☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b>	<b>17</b> b Joseph Charles b Max Eizaga	<b>18</b> b Loni Fuller	<b>19</b> b Sherri Richmond	<b>20</b> ☆ <b>Ladies' Day at PBL</b> b Don Seay	<b>21</b> ☆ <b>Ladies &amp; Lattes</b>	<b>22</b> a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Layla Courts-Buonadonna b Jeremy Maloney b Amber Villard b Allan Zamora
<b>23</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High &amp; Sr. High Devo</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> b Rick Hall b Ivan Villard	<b>27</b> a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Maria Telfort	<b>28</b> b Kane Campbell b James Green	<b>29</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Spring Formal</b> b Beth Fry b Terri Hahn
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**"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)**

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

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## His Kids Class

Sundays at 5:30 p.m.



For Age 3 & up. Meet in the  
front of the Auditorium.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Khamadi Bailey; Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Roe Henrice; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Leon & Shirley Manko; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Mrs. Trellini Smith.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Julie Aldrich, Sunrise, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Emily Hammond, Ellie & Tess, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Amber Hammond, Harris, Harlan & Henry, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Carol Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Heather James, Emily, Burns, TN; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mr. Clint Nee, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Derita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Sunday, March 19th

Dion Hayes  
Jermaine Smith  
Ricky Smith

Tuesday, March 21st (cont.)

David Whipple

Wednesday, March 22nd

Christopher & Yolanda Stewart (Ann.)

Tuesday, March 21st

Max Fonrose  
Jack Holoman  
Yolanda Stewart

Thursday, March 23rd

Betty Sanders

### 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 19

Opening Prayer ..... Kane Campbell  
Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Contribution ..... Johnny Davis  
Scripture Reading ..... Hunter Hinton  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Lord's Supper  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ellis

Serve at Table:

Kirk Crews	Kameron Heitler
Gorman Ericksen	Islay Rodriguez
Michael Erickson	Jim Rogers
Jeff Goodale	Joseph Snyder
Graysen Hayes	Cristian Suarez

#### Sunday Evening, March 19

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Ivan Villard  
Scripture Reading ..... John Hoelzer  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Jimmie Banks  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Jim Davis

Serve at Table:

Joe Maloney      Luther Robinson

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Scott Studer

#### Wednesday Evening, March 22

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Dan Fuller  
Family Prayer ..... Dan McLeod

### Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 12	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	183	163
Sun. AM Worship	277	253
Sun. PM Worship	114	116
Wed. Bible Study	133	128
Contribution	\$16,960	\$16,143

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$9,809

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

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

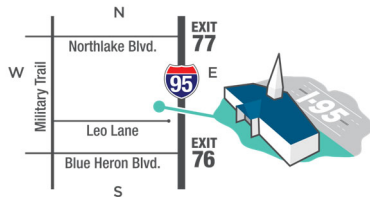




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## 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: Sarah Collier & Lilly Villard



**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)  
Comcast (channel 7)  
DIRECTV (channel 307)  
DISH (channel 239)



**NEWSNATION**

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

## 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).