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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

## *A Chapter A Day*

This Week's Reading:

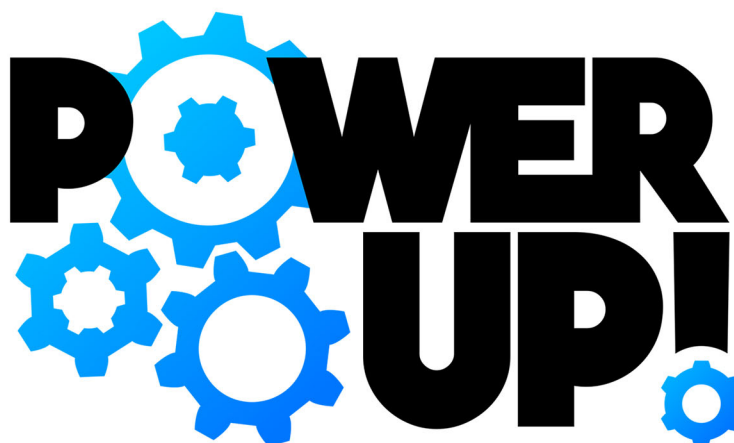
*John 13 -  
John 17*



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A Recharge for Christian Men

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**



**Sunday, May 7**

**Guest Speaker: Steve Higginbotham**



By Dan Jenkins

## Oh, No! James Is Dead

The early history of the church that began on Pentecost at times looked so bleak. With all the apostles present it was so easy for the infant church to "...continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42). However, it was not long until two of the leading apostles were arrested and brought before the Jewish officials who ordered them to stop preaching (Acts 4:17-18). Yet, they kept on preaching.

In the next chapter it appears that all the apostles are arrested by the Jews and imprisoned. How on earth could the early church survive without the apostles? For the church to flourish it must have leadership, yet the leadership had been taken away. It is remarkable that those men were freed overnight by an angel of the Lord, and they kept on preaching.

When persecution arose with Saul being in the forefront, the church was scattered, with no one remaining in Jerusalem, except the apostles. The Lord had made provision for the survival of the church by providing spiritual gifts to all the saints. With no apostles, it might have looked like the church was doomed, but those scattered abroad kept on preaching.

As time passed, another persecution arose in Jerusalem. Herod killed James, the brother of John, with the sword, and when the evil king saw how much joy it brought to the

Jews, he seized Peter and set the date for him to be killed (Acts 12:1-3). How could the church survive without the leadership of two of the inner circle of apostles? That inner circle of Peter, James and John had experienced events none of the others had seen. The church met to pray and how heavy their hearts must have been. It is not hard to imagine what their hearts were saying. "Oh, No! James is dead, and in a week's time Peter will also be dead!" They were praying but none of them expected that an angel would free Peter from the sixteen soldiers who were guarding him.

However, there was another James to replace the one who had been slain. It was not the other apostle named James, the son of Alphaeus. It was James, the brother of Jesus. He is James who stepped into the leadership role in the rest of the book of Acts. He was the one who wrote the epistle of James.

Samuel said that the Lord raised up Moses and Aaron to lead Israel out of Egypt (1 Sam. 12:6). In the promised land the people cried out to God who raised up judges (Judg. 2:16, 18; 3:9, 15). The Lord raised up prophets in Babylon (Jer. 29:15). When "James" dies, God provides another "James." Now think of how in your lifetime you have seen older preachers and elders die and you worried, thinking the church could not survive. It always has survived and always will because God's nature is to raise a new "James" as they are needed.

**It is the nature of God to raise up new servants to replace the older ones**



By David Sproule

## Your Father Is Rich!

The wish that some people seemed to always have was to discover that a "rich uncle," whom they had never met, died and left them a great fortune. I am not sure that such has ever happened, but that is how some folks dream of becoming rich. But, for every child of God, there is something much better than having a "rich uncle"!

Are you a Christian? If so, you have a rich Father! Oh, yes! And get this! He shares His "riches" with His children! Some earthly fathers might be rich, but that doesn't necessarily mean any benefits from those riches reach their children. But, your heavenly Father is not only abundantly rich, but He "shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

**Your Father is rich in goodness (Rom. 2:4).** The word for "goodness" means "the quality of being helpful or beneficial; goodness, kindness, generosity, benevolence." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in goodness!

**Your Father is rich in forbearance (Rom. 2:4).** The word "forbearance" means "the act of holding back from, bearing with, enduring, being tolerant." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in forbearance.

**Your Father is rich in longsuffering (Rom. 2:4).** The

word "longsuffering" means "patience; slowness of avenging injuries; self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in longsuffering.

**Your Father is rich in grace (Eph. 1:7; 2:7).** The word "grace" means "free favor; a beneficent disposition toward someone; gracious care/help, goodwill; the action of one who volunteers to do something not otherwise obligatory." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in grace.

**Your Father is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4).** The word "mercy" means "kindness or concern expressed for someone in need; compassion, outward manifestation of pity." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in mercy.

**Your father is rich in love (Eph. 2:4).** The word "love" means "kindly concern, devotedness; unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial esteem that seeks the highest good of its object." Read that definition and rejoice that your Father is rich in love.

Additionally, your Father is rich in wisdom and knowledge (Rom. 11:33). Every single quality of your Father that you can name abounds in excess to the infinite level. Truly, your Father is "abounding in riches for all who call on Him" (Rom. 10:12). Brother or sister, you are rich!

**He shares His "riches" with His children!**





By Josh Blackmer

## Proverbs for Conflict

Conflict will happen in life. There are many reasons why, but the important thing is how we deal with it. Will we represent Christ well or will we follow the unhealthy paths of common conflict practices? The book of proverbs offers some great wisdom in dealing with and avoiding conflict.

- “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Prov. 15:1).
- “A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute” (Prov. 15:18).
- “When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him” (Prov. 16:7).
- “A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression” (Prov. 19:11).
- “A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city, and contentions are like the bars of a citadel” (Prov. 18:19).
- “A worthless man digs up evil, while his words are like scorching fire. A perverse man spreads strife, and a slanderer separates intimate friends” (Prov. 16:27-28).
- “He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him” (Prov. 18:13).

**“Wisdom from  
above is first  
pure then peace  
loving”**

- “Do not go out hastily to argue your case; Otherwise, what will you do in the end, when your neighbor humiliates you? Argue your case with your neighbor, and do not reveal the secret of another, or he who hears it will reproach you, And the evil report about you will not pass away” (Prov. 25:8-10).

These passages offer some great information when dealing with conflict. When the tension starts, our first words can help deescalate the situation. Saying, “Calm down,” is not helpful, but there are gentle responses that can help. If someone has an issue with you, say, “I’m sorry I offended you. Can we talk about it?” If you have an issue with another say, “When you said or did [enter offense here], it made me feel [enter emotion here]. Can we talk about it?” It is important to acknowledge your part of the conflict and offer a path to a solution. Leave room for mistakes or misunderstandings on your part. It shows that you are willing to be reasonable and not demanding. The three main areas these passages cover are being slow to react, paying attention to our language, and not spreading or creating more conflict. It happens that these are the areas where healthy resolution most often break down. We should be striving for a solution that is best for all parties involved. We are not trying to get back at them or make them hurt like we hurt. Our words need to be for the edification and building up of the future relationship. It might not be easy, but the relationship can be healthier afterwards.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Every person needs a chance to hear!

A friend of mine was in a car accident recently. It was his fault. The couple in the other car was a bit shaken up, so after the police wrote up the report, he gave the couple a ride to the place they were going. Before they got out of the car, he said a prayer with them. Over the next few weeks, he interacted with them to make sure the insurance was covering repairs and that they were getting along ok. In the course of those conversations, he set up a Bible study with them and they were eventually baptized. This man saw two souls who needed to hear the gospel!

I thank God for this friend, reminding me what is truly important and what our true purpose in this life is! We get so busy with “stuff” that we forget to see “souls.” Every person you meet needs a chance to hear the good news of Jesus, even the ones that you “accidentally” meet and your first thought may not be on teaching the gospel.

“Holy Father, please help us to see souls who desperately need You!” – DS



### A Christian cannot sin?

There is an interesting statement in 1 John 3:9 that has confused some folks. Some translations read that the one who “has been born of God does not sin” and “he cannot sin.” What does that mean that “he cannot sin”? It cannot mean that a Christian does not actually sin and that he is unable to sin, because in the first chapter, John said, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1:8). And he shows what happens when we, as God’s children, sin (1:7, 9; 2:1-2). So what does “does not sin” and “cannot sin” mean?

Some of the newer translations help a bit. The verb tense used in 1 John 3:9 is the Greek present tense, which denotes an ongoing, continual action. The verse could literally read: “Whoever has been born of God does not make it a practice to continue sinning, for God’s seed continues to abide in him; and he cannot continue to practice sinning, because he has been born of God.” Does a Christian sin? Yes, everyone does. But a faithful Christian does not make it a practice to keep on sinning, because He is striving to be like Jesus, in whom “there is no sin” (3:5). – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Judy Carmack</b>	dealing with horrible pain in her right leg and hip
<b>Linda Coe</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Josie Dawson</b>	treatments for we macular degeneration in her retina
<b>Trudie Holland</b>	Luxe Rehab in Jupiter, going home on April 20
<b>Sylvester Jackson</b>	recovering at home
<b>Judie Jenkins</b>	recovering at home from shoulder surgery
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	dealing with glucose issues
<b>Sherrie Tibbetts</b>	eye surgery postponed
<b>Amy West</b>	outpatient surgery on her leg on April 27



**The family of Cheryl Floyd**, who passed away on Saturday, April 15.

**The family of Betty Sanders**, who passed away on Wednesday, April 19.

## 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

<b>Millie Ames</b>	<b>Inell Ingram</b>
<b>Josie Dawson</b>	<b>Daniel Johnson</b>
<b>Zula Garrett</b>	<b>Betty Matter</b>
<b>Terri Hahn</b>	<b>Joyce Parker</b>
<b>Margie Hardin</b>	<b>Leigh Puckett</b>
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	<b>Maurine Reed</b>
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	<b>Ricky Smedley</b>

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Joan Alberga</b>	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
<b>Ann Graham</b>	Luann McLeod's mother, Luxe Rehab, no visitors
<b>Nathaniel King</b>	Mary A. Jackson's brother, hospital, multiple issues







# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, April 23

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, April 30.

## Monday, April 24

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

## Tuesday, April 25

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 6:45 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.

## Monday, May 1

- ♦ **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, May 5

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

## Saturday, May 6

- ♦ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Disabling the Devil's Devices." Please RSVP to [office@pblcoc.org](mailto:office@pblcoc.org).
- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

## Sunday, May 7

- ♦ **"Home, Sweet Home" with Steve Higginbotham** during morning services.  
9:00 a.m. *Preparing Your Children for Heaven*  
10:00 a.m. *Marriage: Made in Heaven, Maintained on Earth*
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Monday, May 1

- ♦ **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.

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### Saturday, May 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Liz Otero. See Ivan Villard for the address and more details.

### Friday, May 19

- ♦ **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, April 23

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, April 30.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale. Bring drinks and desserts.

### Saturday, April 29

- ♦ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:00 p.m. at the Silverball Museum. Cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by April 23 by signing up on the bulletin board in the Lobby.

### Sunday, April 30

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

### Monday, May 1

- ♦ **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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> ☆ <b>Men's Meet</b> a Charles & Rhona Hayes	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> b Julio Aristy	<b>4</b> b Dan Johnson	<b>5</b> ☆ <b>Family Group 4 Meeting</b> a Taylor & Natalie Reeves b Willie Wilkins b Trina Wright	<b>6</b> ☆ <b>Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men</b> ☆ <b>Widows &amp; Widowers Luncheon</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> b Rachel Fuller b Johnnie Green b Kaitlin Hinton b Nicholas Pietro
<b>7</b> ☆ <b>"Home, Sweet Home" with Steve Higginbotham</b> ☆ <b>2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin</b>	<b>8</b> b Jacqui Jenkins b Alice Nelson b Chuck Reeves, Jr. b Jackie Stout	<b>9</b> b Leigh Puckett	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> b John Judd	<b>12</b> b Bree Solis	<b>13</b> b June Pack
<b>14</b> ☆ <b>New Member's Orientation Class</b> ☆ <b>Promotion Sunday</b> b Mattie Cox b Claire Crews b Carolyn Cullom	<b>15</b> b Pete Brown	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> a Josh & Cara Blackmer a Rick & Peggy Hall a Jerry & Lorena Pittman b Joan Holloway b Rick Price	<b>19</b> ☆ <b>Ladies &amp; Lattes</b>	<b>20</b> b Lovetta Harmon
<b>21</b> ☆ <b>Friends &amp; Family Day with David Shannon</b> ☆ <b>New Bible Classes Begin</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High &amp; Sr. High Devo</b> ☆ <b>No His Kids Class</b>	<b>22</b> a Willie & Mattie Cox a Phylona Patterson b Karly Stone	<b>23</b> a John & Sue Hoelzer b Natasha Campbell-Flores b Tyler Williams	<b>24</b> ☆ <b>"Kick Start Your Summer" with Terry Casey</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> a Ramon & Ashley Alfaro a Lawrence & Julie Williams b Gloria Boyd b Helen Chapman b Bob Higbee	<b>27</b> ☆ <b>VBS Work Day</b> a Bob & Sandi Hanna
<b>28</b> ☆ <b>High School Graduates' Luncheon</b> b Margie Hardin b Peggy Simpkins b Gorgeous Symonette	<b>29</b> b Grace Judge	<b>30</b> b Dianne Halenda b Jené Williams	<b>31</b> ☆ <b>"Kick Start Your Summer" with Gale Nelson</b> b Douglas Alvarenga			



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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
April 16

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Wednesday, April 26th

Rick Hall  
Ivan Villard

Friday, April 28th

Kane Campbell  
James Green

Thursday, April 27th

Jordan & Marsha Beasley (Ann.)  
Marie Telfort

Saturday, April 29th

Beth Fry  
Terri Hahn

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Miss Shantaz Cole; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Margaret Pujals; Ms. Stacey-Ann Richards; Mrs. Chandra Runions; Mrs. Trellini Smith; and Mrs. Peggy Washington.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Jan Bates, Pompano Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mrs. Patricia Kato, Chattanooga, TN; and Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL.



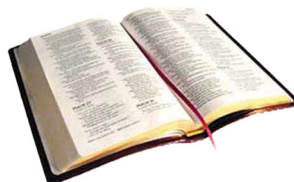
**Directory Changes**

**Jettie Sweetenburg** moved to South Carolina last week.

Thank You 

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, calls, texts and all your love to us during my surgery and recovery. We are so grateful and blessed to have all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Angelica Fernandez & family



"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own."

(John 10:14)

## 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, April 23

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Lord's Supper ..... Dan McLeod  
Singing  
Opening Prayer ..... Gary Jenkins  
Scripture Reading ..... Dan Fuller  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Bill Ingram, Jr.

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna      Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Cris Cuevas          Benny Rodgers  
Andres Fernandez      Darin Summerlot  
Edward Gager          Dirk Summerlot  
Daniel Lord              Daniel Swayne

### Sunday Evening, April 23

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes  
Scripture Reading ..... Addison Collins  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Bob Higbee  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

David Perez              Islay J. Rodriguez

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

### Wednesday Evening, April 26

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... Phil Porter  
Family Prayer ..... Dan Fuller

## Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 16	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	149	180
Sun. AM Worship	246	276
Sun. PM Worship	111	122
Wed. Bible Study	117	140
Contribution	\$17,773	\$17,638

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$14,700

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

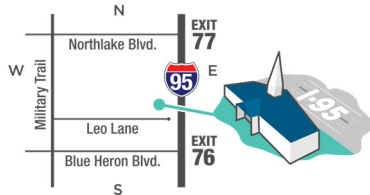
Ushers for this week: Devin Eutsey & Eugene Williams  
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*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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