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## Welcome New Members



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Group 2

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# Sunday, December 10

# Robert Martin

# Mission Report



## THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

## A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:  
 Revelation 8 -  
 Revelation 12



By Dan Jenkins

## Washing and Cleanliness

When we think of cleanliness, we think of removing dirt from our bodies, clothes, dishes or our houses, but the Jews used the word far differently. God spoke often to them using this word and almost without exception it applied to being ceremonially unclean. This concept can be seen so clearly in the book of Leviticus where He uses the word “clean” at least forty times. Now add to this that in the same book He uses the word “wash” over thirty times, for often when they became unclean, they were told to wash themselves. When they thought of being unclean, they associated it with washing themselves or things in their lives to become clean.

This Old Testament usage has a New Testament application in relation to us and our being cleansed from the filthy pollution of sin. Paul lists a host of sinful actions in his first letter to Corinth. They include fornication, idolatry, homosexuality, thievery and drunkenness. These were common practices in pagan cities. However, when he mentions them as being part of the lives in the Christians, he uses the past tense. It was part of their former lives.

Read carefully his words. “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified” (1 Cor. 6:11). They were no longer stained by

the filthiness of sin; they had been washed. Paul’s preaching caused it. They changed when Paul arrived in that city and planted the church. “And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized” (Acts 18:8). The blood of Jesus was the basis on which they were cleansed, for He...“loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Rev. 1:5). Do not overlook that they were baptized.

### Cleansing from the filthiness of sin involves the Holy Spirit and water

Paul mentions this same concept in his letter to Ephesus where he discusses the process of how they were made clean. Christ “...loved the church and gave Himself for her that he might cleanse her with the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:25-26). They had heard the word and that caused them to come and be washed in water (Acts 19:1-5).

How had Paul had his sins washed about by Jesus’ blood? Hear these words spoken to him the day he was saved. Ananias, a messenger sent from God, said, “Now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). He was washed in the blood when he was baptized.

When Paul wrote Titus, he described the process of salvation. It includes two aspects—a renewal of the Holy Spirit and a “washing of regeneration” (Tit. 3:5). Jesus Himself described the new birth as be “born of water and the Spirit.” We are not saved by a sinners’ prayer. We must be washed!



By David Sproule

## Two Perspectives on Rebellion

As Israel’s “old” and final judge was nearing his last days, the elders of Israel gathered to Samuel and made their demands. The first thing they basically said was, “We don’t want you or your sons!” And then they laid out this directive, “Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations” (1 Sam. 8:5). Notice several things about this demand.

Their timeframe for this change was “now.” They were done waiting. They wanted satisfaction to their wishes immediately.

Their focus was on “us”—make US to judge US. All they could see were their own selfish desires.

Their standard was “like all the nations.” Divine standards were of no interest to them. They wanted to be like everyone else.

At this point, Israel was in full rebellion against God. And the Lord related such to Samuel, when He said, “they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them” (8:7).

Does any of this sound like what we have seen happening around us—in our nation, in our families, even in our congregations? People want change “now.” They are solely focused on self. They want to be like whoever the latest craze is. They are in full rebellion against God.

What should we do? Look at Samuel’s perspective when it came to this rebellion. Did he approve of it? Did he celebrate it?

When faced with rebellion against the Lord, Samuel was “displeased” (8:6). Anything that involves sin and going against God should never bring us pleasure or entertain us in any way!

### Samuel kept on listening to the Lord and obeying Him.

When faced with rebellion against the Lord, Samuel “prayed to the Lord” (8:6). We get frustrated and discouraged sometimes and don’t know what to do. Easy! Talk to God about it! Tell Him what is going on and how you feel about! Pray for wisdom!

When faced with rebellion against the Lord, Samuel warned the people and told them “all the words of the Lord” (8:9-10). In similar fashion, we need to warn people of the dangers of yielding to the devil, for “He will take...He will take...He will take...He will take...He will take...He will take” (stated six times of what an unrighteous ruler would do in 8:11-17). “But the Lord will not hear” those who rebel against Him (8:18; cf. Ps. 34:16).

When faced with rebellion against the Lord, Samuel kept on listening to the Lord and obeying Him. Today, the world around us seems in full rebellion against the God of heaven and His ways. Let us recognize it and respond in a holy manner, just as Samuel did!



By Robert Lupo

## The Ultimate Privilege

There is much talk these days about “privilege.” While this word has been in the English language for hundreds of years, it is being wielded in order to divide this country along economic and racial lines. But, no matter what monetary or societal privilege a group of people may or may not have in this world, nothing compares to the privilege of being a Christian. No matter what skin color you have, what neighborhood you grew up in, or what schools you went to, Jesus Christ has offered every soul the ultimate privilege: salvation.

In Deuteronomy 33, Israel is getting ready to enter the Promised Land. Here, Moses gives his blessings to Israel just before leaving to die on Mount Nebo. He tells the people in verse 29, “Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty!”

Israel had been through a lot in the forty years leading up to this point. Over and over, God provided food, protection and favor to the children of Israel. But over and over, Israel complained, sinned and blasphemed their God. In no way did they deserve God’s protection, but He saved them anyway. Moses tells His people that no nation in the entire world is as privileged as them. Why? Because God chose to save them,

and they did not do a thing to deserve it.

In the world, mercy like this does not exist. Any mistake you or your ancestors may have made can and will be used to “cancel” you. Instead of intellect or education, it is the color of your skin or your gender that determines whether or not you are allowed to speak in public discourse. This is retribution against those born into “privilege.” The world has no place for mercy. All the world knows is revenge.

**...Nothing compares to the privilege of being a Christian.**

But God is infinitely merciful. He does not hold a grudge like the world. Through the sacrifice of His Son, God extended salvation to every man and woman, no matter where they come from. What greater privilege is there? Just like Israel, not one of us did anything to deserve His grace, yet He offers us salvation freely (Eph 2:8-9). “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).

The world does not understand what it means to be privileged. Only those who have received God’s mercy can. No matter what disadvantages we are born into or what struggles we have endured, God has made everyone equal through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Anyone who repents and is baptized in the name of Jesus will be saved (Acts 2:38) and welcomed into the eternal kingdom of the Lord. Thanks be to God for the ultimate privilege of salvation. How happy I am that I have been saved by the Lord.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Can God’s expectations for a king apply to you?

God foresaw the time when His people would demand a king, and He set out some parameters for those who would reign over His nation. Consider these two responsibilities. First, the king was to “write for himself a copy of this law in a book” (Deut. 17:18). Do you remember when you used to study for tests in school? Did it help you to get the information locked in your head better if you actually wrote it out with your own hand? What would happen with your Bible knowledge if you took sections of it and wrote it out in your own handwriting?

Second, the king was to keep his handwritten copy of the law “with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life” (17:19). God knew what He was requiring! What happens to your faith when you have read the Bible every day? It is not merely a rote exercise!

Why did God want the king to do this? For the same reason that we should! “That he may learn to fear the Lord...to observe all the words...that he may not turn aside...” (17:19-20).  
– DS



### Your effect on the hearts of others

When the twelve spies came back from their 40-day reconnaissance mission into the Promised Land, the majority reported that “the people” and “the cities” in the land were “greater” and seemingly indestructible. The report, although based on false information, “discouraged” (literally, “melted”) the “hearts” of the people (Deut. 1:28). What a negative influence!

Compare that with Philemon in the New Testament. Paul wrote that he had heard of this Christian brother’s “love and faith” and “the sharing of [his] faith,” which brought Paul “much joy and comfort” (Phile. 5-7). But Paul’s joy and comfort were actually “because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by” Philemon (Phile. 7). What a positive influence!

Think about the influence that you have on others. Could it be that your words, attitudes and actions “melt” people’s hearts and discourage them? Or do you use your words, attitudes and actions to “refresh” people’s hearts and encourage them? The choice is yours! The difference is immeasurable! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mattie Cox</b>	surgery to remove a kidney tumor on December 7
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	recovering from reverse shoulder replacement
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	awaiting further diagnosis and treatment plan for mass
<b>John Loftis</b>	fractured his left shoulder and dealing with a lot of pain
<b>Norma Mariano</b>	having adjustments on the shunt in her brain
<b>Juliette Mauvais</b>	suffering with severe pain
<b>John Patrick</b>	recovering at home from hip replacement surgery
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	back at Hamlin Place and is doing better
<b>Amy West</b>	recovering at home from her stroke

## Ongoing 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
Lillian Bankston	Daniel Johnson
Judy Carmack	Kasandra Jones
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Zula Garrett	Joyce Parker
Terri Hahn	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Patterson Alexander</b>	Jean Archer's brother, hospital, multiple health issues
<b>Myrick Bassie</b>	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
<b>Donald Coe</b>	Linda Coe's father, hospitalized last week
<b>Ignacio Ramirez</b>	Joel Ramirez's father, dealing with cancer & recent fall
<b>Ken Springer</b>	Tina Wagner's brother, low blood pressure issues

**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, December 10

- ♦ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

## Monday, December 11

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

## Tuesday, December 12

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume on Tuesday, January 9.

## Saturday, December 16

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

## Sunday, December 17

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** Please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

## Sunday, December 17

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

## Monday, December 18

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on Monday, January 8.

## Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. **Bible Study**  
10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**  
**NO Evening Services**

## Sunday, December 31

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **New Year's Eve Lunch** after morning services. Bring soup and sandwiches to share.
- ♦ **Evening Worship** at 12:45 p.m. There will be no services at 6:00 p.m.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Saturday, January 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Monday, January 8

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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, January 26

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. 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, January 27

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 5:00 p.m.

### Monday, February 5

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, December 10

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

### Sunday, December 31

- ♦ **Sr. High Lock-In** from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of food. Invite your friends to join us for activities, video games and crafts. Parents, please let Robert know if you are able to chaperone part or all of this event.

### Sunday, January 7

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after morning worship. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

### Monday, January 8

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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>No Monday Night Class</b> a James & Michelle Green b Sarah Rodgers	<b>2</b> ☆ <b>No Tuesday Morning Class</b> a Gary & Jacqui Jenkins b Michael Archer b Ellen Gager b Joseph Snyder	<b>3</b> b Jacqueline Creary b Natalie Perez	<b>4</b> a Joseph & Anthioda Charles	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> b Bobby Ingraham b Joe Maloney
<b>7</b> ☆ <b>Every Member Present Sunday</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High &amp; Sr. High Family Devo &amp; Potluck</b> ☆ <b>Meeting of All PBL Men</b> ☆ <b>His Kids Class</b> a Willie & Giselle Smith b Lucy Bond b Sandy Colage	<b>8</b> ☆ <b>Men's Meet</b> ☆ <b>Monday Night Class Begins</b>	<b>9</b> ☆ <b>Tuesday Morning Class Begins</b> a Matthew & Kasandra Jones b Brenda Collier	<b>10</b> b Crystal Burroughs b Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> b Addison Collins b Barbara King	<b>13</b> b Linda Allen
					<div>Winter Camp at CFBC (12th-15th)</div>	
<b>14</b> ☆ <b>His Kids Class</b> ☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b> b Silas Balfour b Mary Coombs b Robin Davis b Cindy Nelson	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> b Julie Charles
<b>21</b> ☆ <b>His Kids Class</b> b Edward Gager	<b>22</b> b Andrea Leslie	<b>23</b> b Luther Robinson	<b>24</b> b Keila McLeod b Marisa Reeves	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> ☆ <b>Ladies &amp; Lattes</b> b Jimmie Banks b Winifred Patterson	<b>27</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Game Night</b> b Christene Bean b Ed Buonadonna
<b>28</b> ☆ <b>Mission Sunday</b> ☆ <b>His Kids Class</b> b Joyce Parker	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> b Dick Haines	<b>31</b> b Charles Hayes b Mary A. Jackson			

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
December 3

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Claudja Henry; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Ms. Brittney Miller; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. Harwinder Singh; and Mr. Trevor Wellington.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Perry & Jordan Bretherick, Florence, AL; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. Colton McKinney, Tampa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Benita Ramsey, Whitwell, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Nancy White, Port Charlotte, FL; and Ms. Wendy Wright, Jackson, MO.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Sunday, December 10th

Carolina Medina

Monday, December 11th

Sylvester Jackson & Crystal Burroughs (Ann.)

Tuesday, December 12th

Robert & Reanna Lupo (Ann.)  
Charlene Knowles  
Brandan Widner

Thursday, December 14th

Tim Fry  
Patricia Hackshaw  
Daisy Lord  
Juliette Mauvais

Saturday, December 16th

Allan Zamora & Francis Morales (Ann.)

 **Thank You** notes

The love from the church made it much easier to go through my recent sickness and surgery. Thank you so much.

John Patrick

## 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, December 10

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

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Addison Collins	Keith Joy
Gorman Ericksen	Daniel Lord
Andres Fernandez	David Lord
Freddie Gadson	Chuck Reeves, Jr.

### Sunday Evening, December 10

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

Serve at Table:

David Perez      Leonard Williams

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Edward Gager

### Wednesday Evening, December 13

Singing ..... Graysen Hayes  
Invitation ..... Jimmie Banks  
Family Prayer ..... Willie Smith

## Our Record

Attendance	Dec. 3	Nov. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	148	173
Sun. AM Worship	256	250
Sun. PM Worship	110	114
Wed. Bible Study	124	106
Contribution	\$17,968	\$17,330

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$27,291

Service Coordinators:  
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Dirk Summerlot  
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner





# 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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