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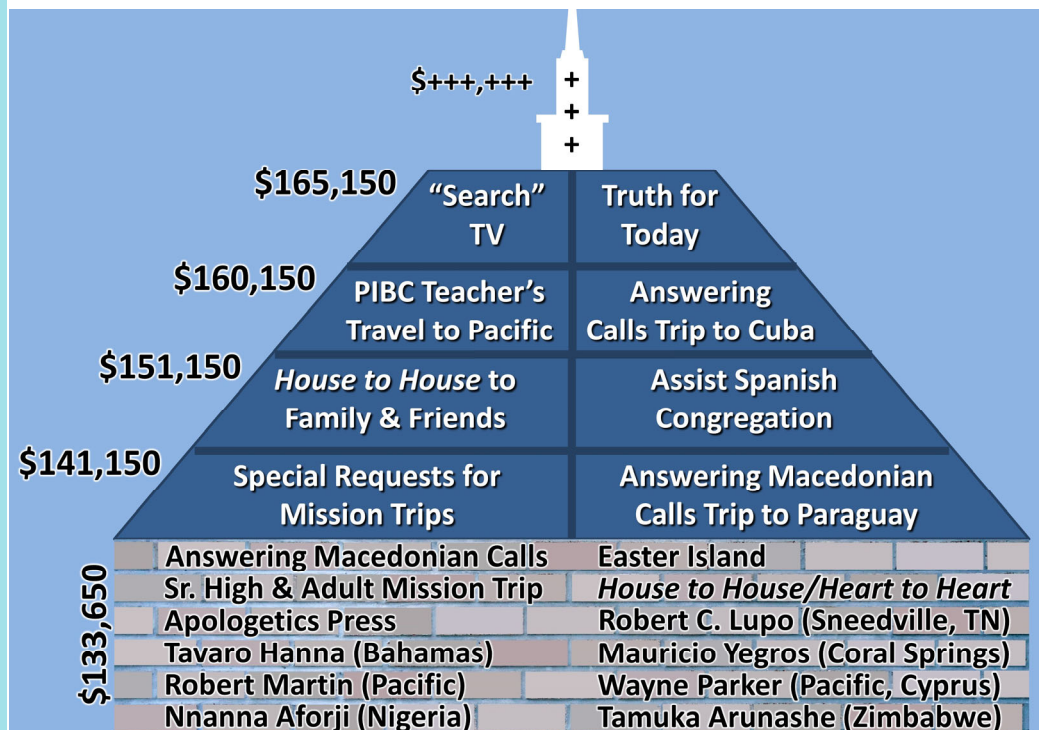
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MISSION SUNDAY 2024

January 28

**Every dollar given will be used
for PBL Mission Work.**



**May God bless us,
use us & be glorified in us!**





By Dan Jenkins

Two Men Who Changed “Churches”

In the years of teaching others, one problem often has confronted those who are being taught. Some have deep roots in the places where they are worshiping and the decision to leave that behind is often not one that is easily made. They now look at the Bible so differently, for what they now know is right is so strange from what they were taught, believed and practiced for many years. Perhaps looking at two examples of men in the Bible who “changed churches” might help them as they struggle.

Saul of Tarsus, far better known as the apostle Paul, was a leader in the Jewish religion. As a young man, he was part of the stoning of the first Christian martyr. The Bible says that he not only took care of the outer garments of those who were actually killing a saint, but as he watched Stephen die, he agreed that it was a godly act to kill that Christian (Acts 7:58; 8:1; 22:20). He progressed in his religion and anti-Christian views above his peers (Phil. 3:5-6; Gal. 1:14).

Was Paul an evil, violent man? Far from it! He was part of the Jewish “church,” because his one rule was to live by his conscience and he lived a blameless life before God and man (Acts 23:1; 24:16). Yet when he understood the will of God, he immediately became a Christian (Acts 22:16). He left the Jew-

ish “church” and began a new journey as one who was determined to always do the right thing. The fact he so willingly gave up his past life and embraced a new one is evidence of his honesty and devotion to God.

Apollos is another example of a man who “changed churches.” We know less about his life before becoming part of the church of Jesus, but everything we know shows his involvement in religion. He was a Jew who had been born in Alexandria, a great city on the coast of Africa with a substantial Jewish settlement. He was a man who knew the Bible and was skilled in publicly teaching others (Acts 18:24-25). In some way, he learned of the teachings of John the Baptist, and when he came to Ephesus, he taught others in the synagogue. In a sense, he had left the Jewish “church” and became part of the “John the Baptist church.” A Christian husband and wife heard him teaching and privately taught him about the church Jesus built. He “changed churches” and began to confront those Jews with whom he had formally worshiped, using the Bible to show them where they were wrong.

Today when one learns about the church of Jesus he stands at a crossroad in his life. The path he chooses reflects the nature of his heart. Two great leaders in the early church were devoted and active in religious lives. Their willingness to change shows what men who are honestly wrong need to do.

One stands at a crossroad when he first learns about the church of Jesus



By David Sproule

Five Reasons to Love and Study the Book of Acts (Part 3)

The book of Acts (and particularly chapter 2) has been coined, “The Hub of the Bible.” It is truly a book that we need to know and love, for within its exciting pages we learn about (1) how to become a Christian and (2) the power of the gospel. In the third place, we need to study this book to learn about the establishment of the church of Christ.

The church! What a beautiful and central theme in the Bible (and especially of the book of Acts)! The church was not some kind of afterthought or “Plan B” or parentheses that God put in place when the Jews rejected Christ! The church IS THE (not just “part of” it...the church IS THE) “eternal purpose” of God’s “manifold wisdom” (Eph. 3:10-11). And we get to see it established, growing and flourishing in the book of Acts.

One thousand years before Christ walked this earth, God promised David that He would “establish his kingdom... forever” (2 Sam. 7:12-16). Daniel used the word “forever” to describe the “kingdom” that God would “set up” and which would “never be destroyed” (Dan. 2:44). That kingdom (i.e., “house” of the Lord) would be established in “Jerusalem” and “all nations” would be part of it (Isa. 2:2-3). When one finishes reading the Old Testament, he has great anticipation.

We learn about the establishment of the church of Christ.

The New Testament begins with announcements that “the kingdom” is “at hand” (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:7; Luke 10:9), and Jesus Himself promises to “build” His “church” and give “the keys” to this long-awaited “kingdom” (Matt. 16:18-19). Jesus taught for three years about His church/kingdom and even spent His last days on this earth “speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). When one finishes the gospel accounts, he has great anticipation.

With great power and enthusiasm, the church was established in Acts 2 with the coming of the Holy Spirit (2:1-4), the preaching of the gospel (2:5-36) and the baptism of about 3,000 souls into the Lord’s church (2:37-47). Only upon the baptism of these penitent believers were these individuals “added” by the Lord to His “church” (2:41, 47), for they were “all baptized into one body” (1 Cor. 12:13).

As the gospel spread and individuals were “baptized into Christ” (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27), each of those souls was “added” to His church, spreading the borders of the kingdom (throughout the book of Acts). As “the number of the disciples was multiplying” in the book (6:1), so also (since it is one and the same) were “the churches...multiplied” (9:31). They taught the same gospel, believed the same gospel, obeyed the same gospel, and all became part of the same church!

Truly the book of Acts is the “hub of the Bible”!



By Robert Lupo

The Significance of the Name “Jesus”

Did you know that Jesus and Joshua have the same name? It’s true! The name “Jesus” is actually the English form of the Greek name *Iesous*, which is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew name *Yeshua* or “Joshua.” So, Jesus shares a name with the man who led Israel into the Promised Land.

This name turns out to tell us something very significant about who Jesus is.

If you look in Matthew 1:18-23, you will find the story of an angel commanding Joseph, the father of our Lord, to name his son, “Jesus” (v. 21). Not only does the angel tell Joseph what to name the child, but he also tells him why. He says, “...for He will save His people from their sins.” It is obvious, then, that this name has something to say about salvation.

The name “Jesus” or “Joshua” has two parts to it. In Hebrew, “Ye” refers to “Yahweh” and “shua” means “salvation.” So, the name shared by the son of Nun and the Lord means “Jehovah is salvation.” For Joshua, this would have been a way of praising God in the naming of a child. It is a recognition that salvation only comes from God. As the prophet Isaiah states, “I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior” (Isa. 43:11). However, for Jesus, this name has even more meaning.

Looking back at Matthew 1, it is told to us that the nam-

ing of Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14. Matthew quotes, “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel...” (v. 23). Now, how is this a fulfillment of this prophecy? Jesus is not the same name as Immanuel. Where is the connection? Matthew then explains the meaning of Immanuel, saying, “...which is translated, ‘God with us.’” Do you see the connection yet?

What we learn from this passage is that Jesus’ name is a declaration of the fact that Jesus is God. While the name is simply a praise of Jehovah for Joshua, it is a statement of Jesus’ oneness with the Father. We read in Isaiah 43:11 that there is no Savior besides Yahweh. But the reason the angel told Joseph to name his son “Jesus” was because **He** would save His people for their sins. In the same chapter of Isaiah, God says, “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake...” (v. 25). These verses make it clear that the only way Jesus would be able save His people from their sins is if He is, in fact, Immanuel, “God with us.”

There are many religious groups today who deny the deity of Jesus Christ (ex: Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, etc.). But, if they understood the significance of the name of Jesus, they would repent and turn to the one true Lord who can save them from their sins. Jesus is Jehovah, and He will save, “For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col. 2:9).

...for Jesus, this name has even more meaning.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Church for Sale

It’s strange to drive down a road and see an old church building with a sign that says, “Church for Sale.” For whatever reason, the building at that location is now vacant and no longer being used. So, what is actually for sale is a “Church Building,” not the “Church.”

The “church” was already bought! Paul told a group of elders that “the church of God [was] purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). There was NO price that any man could pay in order to “buy” the church! Christ did that!

Unfortunately, there have been some, in the last two millennia, who have put the church “up for sale,” as it were. They’ve “sold it out” for their own personal agenda, for some manmade doctrine, for some desire to “fit in” with other manmade religions, for no good reason at all. In some locations, the church that Jesus paid for is no longer the church that Jesus paid for.

Let us love Jesus’ church as Jesus did and does (Eph. 5:25), and let us never give it up! – DS



Caution: Church

The yellow road sign that has only the word “CHURCH” on it always amuses me. Yellow road signs are “Caution Signs.” So, motorists are being cautioned about a “CHURCH”?

I always wonder, “What’s the caution all about?” Are they being cautioned about an extremely active and zealous

“church” that has lots of people there, coming and going, all the time, with great excitement for what they are doing? Or, are motorists being cautioned to drive slow, be quiet and not disturb the solemn, meditating folks inside that building beside the road?

Brethren, I hope that if our congregation had a “Caution Sign” that it would be because of the first reason above. Caution: These people love the Lord with all their hearts (Matt. 22:37)! Caution: You will recognize the fervency of these people by their love for one another (John 13:34-35)! Caution: These folks truly believe in the truth of God’s Word and the power of the gospel (Rom. 1:15-16)! Caution: These folks are turning the world upside down (Acts 17:6)! Caution: The devil is running from this place (Jas. 4:7)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Crystal Burroughs	severe hip pain; may need hip replacement surgery
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Judie Jenkins	fractured sternum
Dan Johnson	hospitalized last week but doing better
Grace Judge	undergoing tests, improving
Dick Kelley	recovering at home, improving very slowly
Juliette Mauvais	still dealing with severe pain
Joel Ramirez	having blood pressure and heart issues
Sherri Richmond	recovering from a fall, in a lot of pain

Ongoing 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
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

Bud Anderson	Sherrie Tibbetts' son, terminal lung cancer
Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Kyle Buonadonna	Layla Buonadonna's father, has a blood clot in his liver
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, infection in her leg
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, Gardens Med Ctr (rm 290)
Ignacio Ramirez	Joel Ramirez's father, cancer, recovering heart attack
Eddy Rodriguez	Islay Rodriguez's brother, lung cancer

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 28

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** *Be praying about it!* Every dollar given will be used for mission work. *Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!*
- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

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

Saturday, February 3

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Please RSVP to Robert Lupo by Sunday, January 28.

Monday, February 5

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, February 9

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

Friday-Monday, February 9-12

- ♦ **PBL Family Camping Trip** at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring, Florida. All members are invited. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Cost is \$35 per person. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, February 10

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

Friday, February 16

- ♦ **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.

Sunday, February 18

- ♦ **One-Day Seminar with Daniel Stearsman.**

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, February 5

- ♦ **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.

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Friday, February 16

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Saturday, February 24

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



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Saturday, February 3

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants (no holes). See Robert Lupo for more details.

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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - February 2024

February 4 ^(A)

February 11 ^(L)

February 18 ^(A)

February 25 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller	Kirk Crews	Victor Colage
Scripture Reader	Taylor Reeves	Keith Joy	Michael Erickson	Tim Fry
Presiding at Table	Tim Cox	Freddie Gadson	Johnny Davis	Willie Smith
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Sylvester Jackson Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher John Patrick Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	David Brown Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Cris Cuevas Gorman Ericksen Bill Ingram, Jr. David Perez Joel Ramirez Chuck Reeves, Jr. Darin Summerlot	Connor Goodale Jeff Goodale Jack Holoman Jeff Leslie Luther Robinson Jim Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez Marty Williams	Troy Alberga Douglas Alvarenga Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Sylvester Jackson Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Ricky Smith Taylor Reeves
Closing Prayer	Douglas Alvarenga	David Holaday	Lawrence Williams	Robert Mariano

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Ivan Villard	Graysen Hayes	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith	Dan McLeod	Ivan Villard	Philip Porter
Scripture Reader	Philip Porter	Andres Fernandez	Islay Rodriguez	Paul Metzkes
Presiding at Table	Daniel Swayne	Dirk Summerlot	Kane Campbell	Richard Watson
Serving at Table	Silas Balfour Trevin Roman	Daniel Wagner Leonard Williams	John Hoelzer Joe Maloney	John Patrick Trevin Roman
Closing Prayer	Richard Watson	Paul Metzkes	Mike Archer	Johnny Davis

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	Timothy Powell	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Seth Watson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Scott Studer	Edward Gager	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Victor Colage	David Lord	Vincent Rogers	Nahum Villard
Usher	Rick Hall Seth Watson	Edward Gager Daniel Swayne	Lance Collier Trey Higbee	Rick Hall Tyler Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

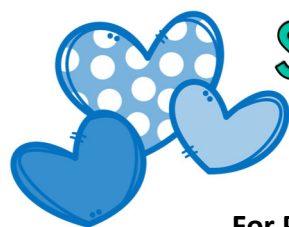
"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
January 21



Sweetheart Banquet

For PBL Members
55+ Years Old or Married 25+ Years

This year's banquet will be on Saturday, February 3 at 5:00 p.m. and is hosted by the PBL Youth Group. Cost is \$5 per person. Dinner will be served. Come and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship! Please RSVP by Sunday, January 28 to Robert Lupo.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. & Mrs. Jordan & Maria Beasley; Ms. Selena Booze; Mr. Dario Corrales; Mr. Israel Cuevas; Ms. Alicia Dongellini; Mr. Jeff Feeney; Ms. Stephanie Flournoy; Mr. Robert Henry; Miss Kartrine Jocelyn; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mr. Robert Shelton; and Ms. Meghan Styles.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, January 28th
Joyce Parker

Wednesday, January 31st (cont.)
Mary A. Jackson

Tuesday, January 30th
Dick Haines

Friday, February 2nd
Gai Ingram

Wednesday, January 31st
Charles Hayes

Saturday, February 3rd
Jennifer Goodale

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, January 28

Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution..... Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading.....James Green
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Islay Rodriguez

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Luther Robinson
Graysen Hayes	Jim Rogers
Trey Higbee	Cayden Scriven
Jack Holoman	Joseph Snyder
Joe Maloney	Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, January 28

SingingRobert Lupo
Opening Prayer.....Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Connor Goodale
Singing
Lord's Supper.....John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer.....Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Jim Davis Kameron Heitler

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, January 31

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation.....Freddie Gadson
Family PrayerDavid Lord

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 21	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	145	154
Sun. AM Worship	255	263
Sun. PM Worship	150	119
Wed. Bible Study	119	134
Contribution	\$18,470	\$16,732

2024 Weekly Budget: TBD

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD

Service Coordinators:
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Michael Erickson & Lawrence Williams
Safety Team for this week: Marty Williams



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.

Front Cover: **Kayleigh Higbee, Addison Collins & Cindy Nelson**

I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart;

have overcome the world.

JOHN 16:33