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# Welcome New Members



**Beasley, Jordan III**

Group 3

*Restored January 31*



**Shelton, Bobby**

Group 4

*Baptized March 10*



**Williams, Samuel**

Group 3

*Baptized March 25*



*A Heart of Humility*  
 Guest Speaker: Kristi Burleson

*Forty-First Annual Ladies' Day*      Thursday, April 18



By Dan Jenkins

## “Just As Long As You Are Sincere...”

We live in a day where so many have decided that all that matters in being right with God is to fervently serve Him. They feel that the way you serve Him is different for every person and it matters little how that devotion is shown. This widespread belief is the underlying basis as to why there are thousands and thousands of denominations in our land. What does God reveal about this spiritual concept?

Think about how religious the Jews were when Jesus came to the earth. The apostle Paul said, “I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God” (Rom. 10:2). They were by far the one nation that worshiped God. The first century world was divided into pagan “denominations,” and in the midst of paganism, the Jews assembled every Sabbath day to read and study the Bible and pray fervently to God.

The New Testament describes the devotion of the Jews. They prayed long prayers and were not ashamed to do it publicly (Matt. 6:5; 23:14). They gave great attention to making sure that God received ten percent (a tithe) of everything they had. In fact, they even counted the number of leaves on their mint bushes and gave Him a tenth of them (Matt. 23:23). Many of them fasted twice each week (Matt. 6:16; Luke 18:12).

Jesus described how zealously evangelistic they were

when he told how they would travel across both land and sea (perhaps indicating the Mediterranean Sea) just to convert one Gentile to God (Matt. 23:15). Were they right with God because of what they were doing? Jesus came to seek and save those who were lost, and He came to this nation who fervently served God in their own way. They were lost!

Many of the Jews’ religious leaders in that day were hypocritical in their devotion, but look at one example that shows even those who were honestly serving God still had not found Him. The apostle Paul always followed his conscience (Acts 23:1). He said, “I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and man” (Acts 24:16). The Hebrews were the most devout nation, and Paul was the most devout Hebrew (Phil. 3:5). What was his relation with God? He was chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15)!

They were lost because zeal without knowledge does not save. Paul says, “They being ignorant of God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own righteousness have not submitted to the righteousness of God” (Rom. 10:3). Consider these words carefully from Jesus, especially if you think that it makes little difference. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will My Father in heaven” (Matt. 7:21). No one is saved without zeal, but zeal without obedience cannot bring salvation.

**The Bible shows that zeal without obedience has never brought about salvation**



By David Sproule

## Ashamed?

Shame is an interesting emotion. Sometimes shame and embarrassment are terms that are used synonymously. What causes this emotion? Perhaps if I’ve done something that I should not have done. Or perhaps when others make fun of me. Or perhaps when I feel self-conscious about something from my past or an uneasiness about a current situation. There are, obviously, myriads of things that can lead us to feel ashamed.

That makes Paul’s affirmation in Romans 1:16 all the more intriguing. Here was the one “who formerly persecuted” Christians now preaching “the faith which he once tried to destroy” (Gal. 1:23). He wrote in Romans 1 that he was both “a debtor” to get the saving message to the lost and he was “ready” to do so (1:14-15). Then, in the familiar text of Romans 1:16, Paul gave the reason that he was a ready debtor to preach the gospel.

Beginning verse 16 with the word of explanation, Paul wrote, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.” Paul was ashamed of his past, but he was not ashamed of his present. Paul was ashamed of what he had done to the saved, but he was not ashamed of what he was doing to the lost. Paul loved the gospel and loved preaching it to others. Paul em-

braced the gospel, believed the gospel, proclaimed the gospel, defended the gospel and ultimately died for the gospel. He was not embarrassed by it or by what it called him to do. He was not embarrassed to tell it to others.

Are we ever ashamed to preach the gospel? I think the answer to that is that we are (at least occasionally). Why? Are we ashamed of God and His power? Are we ashamed of Jesus and His salvation? What is it that causes us to be embarrassed to open up and say something?

**Whatever answer we offer will never be a satisfactory answer!**

“Well, it’s not popular. It’s not what people want to hear. People may have unpleasant thoughts toward me. People may have adverse reactions toward me. People may ask, say or do things that make me uncomfortable.” Whatever answer that we can come up with will never be a satisfactory answer. And...we know it.

Brethren, please let me encourage all of us to follow in the footsteps of Paul and to not be ashamed of the gospel, to not be ashamed of sharing it with others, to not be ashamed of whatever may happen when we do share it with others. We have the greatest blessing on earth—salvation. We have the greatest message on earth—salvation. We have the greatest gift to offer on earth—salvation. Why are we ashamed of that? Mark 8:38 is a verse that comes to mind as we close, but I’ll let you consider that one on your own.



By Robert Lupo

## God Sees You...As He Made You

For the last several years, the President of the United States has made proclamations observing the “Transgender Day of Visibility” on March 31. This has largely gone unnoticed by many until this year when it fell on Easter. Given that Easter is a long-standing tradition for believers in Christ to recognize the miracle the Resurrection, this caused many to criticize the White House’s decision as insensitive.

However, Christians are not really concerned about what holiday this “Day of Visibility” falls on. What we are concerned with is the lie of progressive Gender Ideology. In the White House’s proclamation, the President writes, “Today, we send a message to all transgender Americans: You are loved. You are heard. You are understood...” None of this is true. Is it loving to affirm someone’s confusion about the body they were born in? Are we really hearing the cries for help from those suffering from the pain of gender dysphoria by offering experimental drugs and surgeries to children? Can a man, even as powerful as the President, understand who another person really is in spite of their biological characteristics?

There is only One who knows who we are deep inside. He is the God who made us in His image. Throughout the Bible we are told of the personal involvement God has in the making

of each individual boy and girl.

God takes a personal role in our physical development. In Psalm 139, David famously spoke of how by the God of heaven we are fearfully and wonderfully made (v. 14). He says, “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb” (v. 13). Each human life is an amazing miracle that the Lord intricately wove together, and every part of your body was designed by Him to be there.

**God is the master creator and made you exactly as He intended.**

God also takes a personal role in knowing who we are. People can be very difficult to understand. We spend much of our lives trying to figure ourselves out, let alone others. But, nothing about us is hidden from God. Psalm 139 says, “You have searched me and known me...” (v. 1), “...You understand my thoughts afar off” (v. 2), “You...are acquainted with all my ways” (v. 3). If God knows us so well, then how could we possibly believe someone could be born in the wrong body? Is God such an amateur that He would make such an obvious mistake? David says, “My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth” (v. 15) God is the master Creator and made you exactly as He intended.

If we want to hold a day of visibility, then let’s love, hear, and understand others as God sees them. We are not spiritual accidents. We are the miraculous creations of God.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Walking in sunlight

Winter days up north can be kind of dreary, when you don’t see the sun for days and days. In many parts of the country, some storm clouds can be so dark that it can make the middle of the day feel like it’s nighttime. Where’s the SUN?

We face similar affects in our hearts and our own personal lives. Some days can be rather dreary. Some storms that we face can bring a thick darkness over us. We may wonder, where’s the SON?

125 years ago, Henry J. Zelle penned some words that still intrigue and enliven the soul today. “Walking in sunlight all of my journey.” Are you walking in sunlight all of the time? Of course, Zelle was writing about “heavenly sunlight.” Some days can be dreary or hard or dark. But in the midst of all of that, we can be “walking in sunlight”! How? By remembering, “Jesus has said, ‘I’ll never forsake thee,’ which is a “promise divine that never can fail”! At that thought, may our hearts burst forth, “Hallelujah! I am rejoicing, singing His praises, Jesus is mine.”  
– DS



### Who is that from?

As a quick and fun exercise, take a moment and turn in your Bible and read Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 1:2, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 1:2, Philippians 1:2, Colossians 1:2, 1 Thessalonians 1:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:2, 1 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:2, Titus 1:4 and Philemon 3. Essentially what you will find in each of these Pauline letters is that common

greeting that you might sometimes skip over, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Paul writes these same words at the beginning of every letter.

But read it carefully. Look for what I think is a key word in these greetings. Did you see it? You might overlook this word because it may seem insignificant, but it is not. Circle the word “from.”

Paul is not sending a greeting FROM PAUL to these Christians! Paul, writing by the inspiration of God, is sending a greeting to these Christians FROM GOD AND JESUS Themselves! It’s as if, every time you read these letters, God is saying, “Hello! My grace and peace are for you! I love you!” And He is saying that today to YOU! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Anthioda Charles</b>	having knee replacement surgery on April 10
<b>Zula Garrett</b>	recovering from broken bones in her back
<b>Charles Hayes</b>	struggling with several health issues
<b>Grace Judge</b>	having treatments for her neck and back pain
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	recovering at home from surgery
<b>Robert Mariano</b>	having hernia surgery on April 11
<b>Juliette Mauvais</b>	still dealing with a lot of pain
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	dealing with severe hip pain
<b>Samuel Williams</b>	medical tests on April 9 for stomach problems
<b>Evetta Wilson</b>	dealing with several health issues
<b>Trina Wright</b>	dealing with back pain

## 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
Dick Haines	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Carmen Dussard</b>	Isolyn Sinclair's sister, dealing with kidney problems
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, very weak
<b>Ann Freseman</b>	Nicole Freseman's mother, in LaPosada Rehab
<b>Corinne Gardner</b>	Dave Holaday's daughter, swollen lymph nodes
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, struggling with health issues
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, cancer spread to both lungs

**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

## Monday, April 8

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

## Tuesday, April 9

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

## Sunday, April 14

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

## Thursday, April 18

- ◆ **Ladies' Day with Kristi Burleson** at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lesson at 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is "A Heart of Humility." Please RSVP by April 8.

## Friday, April 19

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

## Saturday, April 20

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

## Saturday, April 27

- ◆ **EDP & Office Cookout** at 6:00 p.m. See David Sproule to RSVP and for details.

## Saturday, May 4

- ◆ **Elders' Workshop with Andy Robison** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Strong Men in Christ." Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

## Sunday, May 5

- ◆ **Friends & Family Day with Andy Robison.** Jr. High, Sr. High & adults will meet in the Auditorium during class.
 

9:00 a.m.	<i>A Crucified Savior</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>A Resurrected Lord</i>

## Monday, May 6

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*  
**Young Adults**

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**Palm Beach Lakes**  
**Youth**

## Sunday, April 7

- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on April 14.

## Saturday, April 13

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Dinner will be at Texas de Brazil followed by the evening activity. Please pay by Wednesday, April 10. See Robert or Reanna Lupo for more details.

## Sunday, April 14

- ◆ **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.

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# STAND *in the* GAP



EZEKIEL 22:30

*April*

**TO REACH PEOPLE I KNOW  
WITH THE GOSPEL**

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
March 31

**It's Boy!**

Congratulations to **Sincere & Emily McCall** upon the birth of their son, **Adonis McCall**, on Wednesday, March 27 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. Proud grandmother is **Manoella Mendietta**.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday, April 7th  
Krystian Dubuisson

Wednesday, April 10th (cont.)  
Anthioda Charles  
Jennifer Higbee  
Rose Martens

Monday, April 8th  
Micky Affron  
Jean Archer  
Zula Garrett  
Nadia King

Friday, April 12th  
Kaylani Carmona  
Mendy Crews

Wednesday, April 10th  
Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)

Saturday, April 13th  
Henry & Bereather Williams (Ann.)  
Marcia Clough-Moss

**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 7**

Opening Prayer ..... Tim Cox  
Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Contribution..... Phil Porter  
Scripture Reading.....Robert Mariano  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Lord's Supper  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech  
  
Serve at Table:  
Troy Alberga      Steward Lynch  
Douglas Alvarenga      Tim Mahlbacher  
Ryan Hankins      Taylor Reeves  
Namdidie Ikon      Trevin Roman  
Orlando Lolo      Tyler Williams

**Sunday Evening, April 7**

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Opening Prayer..... Willie Smith  
Scripture Reading .....Richard Watson  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Victor Colage  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Fry  
  
Serve at Table:  
Silas Balfour      John Patrick  
  
Audio this week: Ricky Smith  
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson  
Video this week: Todd Juckett

**Wednesday Evening, April 10**

Singing ..... Graysen Hayes  
Invitation..... Darin Summerlot  
Family Prayer .....Dion Hayes

**Our Record**

Attendance	Mar. 31	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	218	168
Sun. AM Worship	342	264
Sun. PM Worship	109	122
Wed. Bible Study	138	132
Contribution	\$22,484	\$16,640

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$16,156

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

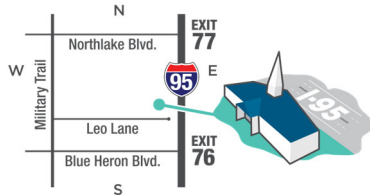
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Nahum Villard  
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



# 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: **David & Daisy Lord**

