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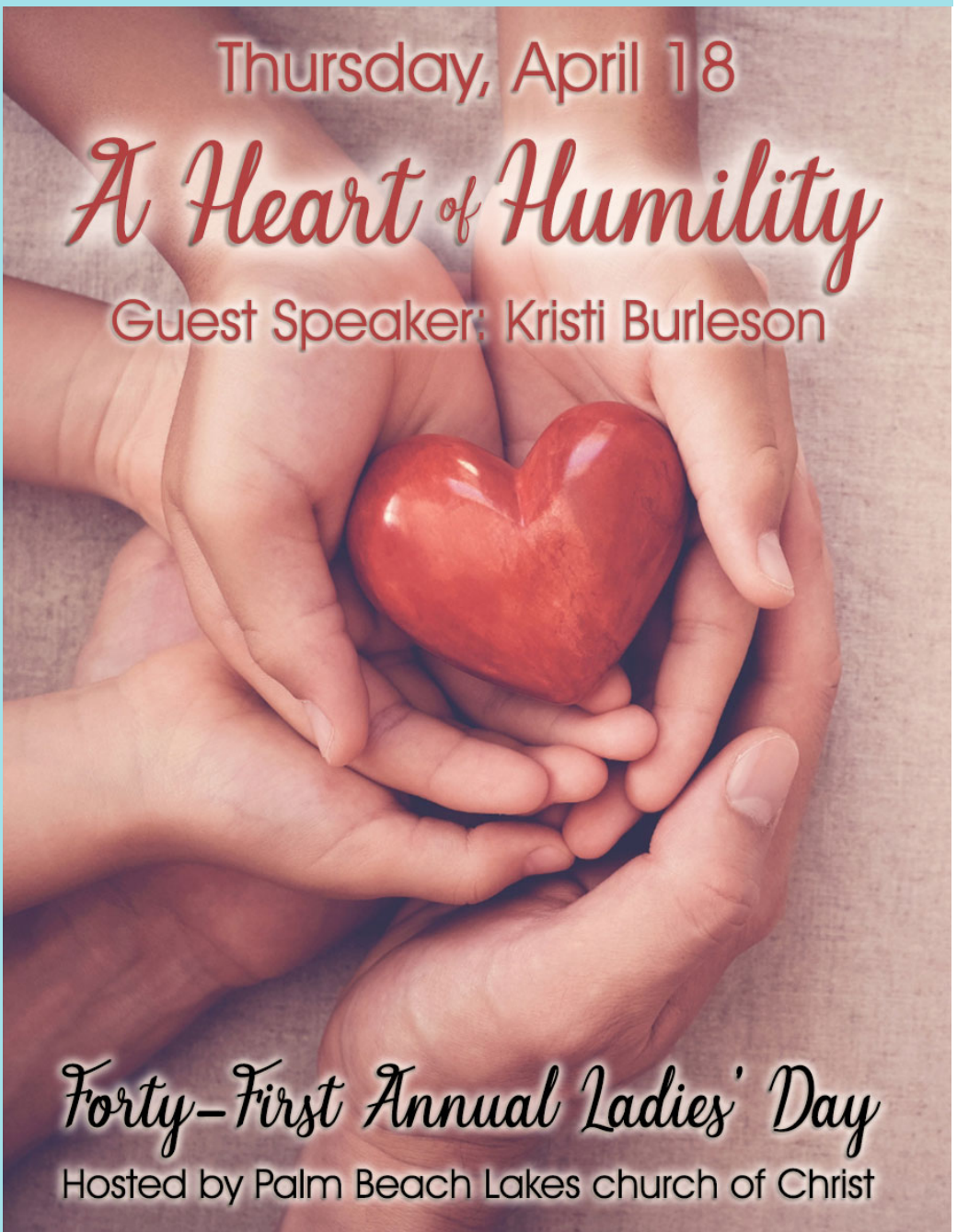


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Thursday, April 18

A Heart of Humility

Guest Speaker: Kristi Burleson

Forty-First Annual Ladies' Day

Hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



By Dan Jenkins

False Prophets Then and False Teachers Today

One of the reasons that the Bible seems so relevant today is because the basic nature of men does not change. The second chapter of Peter's second epistle describes how this is true of false teachers. By looking deeply into this chapter, we can see that while the specific doctrine they teach varies, the motivational force is the same.

The closing verses of chapter one described where truth is found. It did not originally come from "cunningly devised fables" (v. 16). It did not come from the prophets giving their own private interpretation of what they thought God's will was (v. 20), but it came because God's Holy Spirit spoke directly to them (v. 21).

It is obvious that when Peter wrote all of God's will had been revealed. Peter says that by the time he wrote this message God had already given (past tense) every truth of the New Testament (v. 3). In fact, Peter says they already knew (from the teachings of inspired apostles and prophets) what he was now delivering in a written form (v. 12).

Because the fullness of the revelation had been given and the need from prophets would cease, take time to notice the contrast of two words in the opening verse of the second chapter. While during the time of the presence of God's true

prophets there were those who falsely claimed to be His prophets, the time would come when there would be false teachers among mankind. That contrast is between the words *prophets* and *teachers*. Yet, both were still false.

What follows Peter's words is a description of the nature of teachers that were among the people. The list that follows is not complete but helps us recognize those false teachers in our day.

To study false teachers then is to understand false teachers in our day

- They hide their real motive and appear to be motivated as godly teachers are (v. 1).
- They secretly operate, and only their closest allies fully perceive their true nature (v. 1).
- Their doctrine does not come from God but comes from what others say, and this is why Peter calls it heresy ("hear-say—not God say") (v. 1).

- They deny the Lord who bought them. They may call Him Lord but have rejected what the Lord has said and have made themselves their own lord.
- Their actions cause the Lord of all lords to be evil spoken against and many follow them (v. 2).
- They are motivated by covetousness (v. 3).

There is so much more in this chapter. Read it and you will understand what is happening in our own time!



By David Sproule

The Fool and the Eclipse

The precision with which the solar eclipse could be calculated this last week was astounding. I was in Henderson, Tennessee when it occurred. Here were the details that were available in advance of the eclipse (for where I was located): You "will see a partial eclipse for 2 hours 36 minutes. 96.1% of the sun will be obscured by the moon at the peak." It will "start" at 12:40 p.m., "peak" at 1:59 p.m. and "end" at 3:17 p.m. It was not going to last for 2 hours 35 minutes, or even just rounded to two-and-a-half hours. It was not going to obscure 96.2% or even 96% even. It was not going to peak at 1:58 p.m. or even straight up 2:00 p.m. Astronomers were able to calculate with absolute precision the when, where and what of the solar eclipse well in advance of it ever happening!

And, they are already able to calculate that, "Those living in Alaska will catch a glimpse of a total solar eclipse on March 30, 2033, and a partial solar eclipse will shine over most of the US during that event. A total solar eclipse won't be visible again from the contiguous US until August 22, 2044, but totality will only occur over North Dakota and Montana, plus northern Canada. However, the next total solar eclipse with a coast-to-coast path spanning the Lower 48 states will occur on August 12, 2045. The path of totality will arc over California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missis-

sippi, Alabama and Florida, with a partial eclipse visible across other states." How can they possibly know this?

Friends, there are people who traveled hundreds and thousands of miles to view this celestial phenomenon. There are news agencies who have devoted hours and hours of air-time to this event. There have been and will be thousands of articles written by experts and neophytes documenting the wonder of this day as the moon moved in front of the sun. The whole world, it seems, is watching this and standing in awe of this "once-in-a-generation" spectacle.

Chaos does NOT produce order!

So, why should you care? This total solar eclipse is shouting to the world that the very idea of a Big Bang Theory is pure fantasy and nothing more than human dribble that has been invented to try to convince the unreasoning souls that there is no God. That's what makes the flood of round-the-clock coverage of this astronomic sensation so astounding! The media pundits do not even realize that their hype and documentation of this event are proving...THE BIBLE is true and that THERE IS A GOD! Yes, "The heavens" (on April 8, 2024 and every other day) "declare the glory of God" (Psa. 19:1). Such precision could NEVER be the result of an explosion—chaos does NOT produce order!

It would take a "fool" to say there was "no" total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Hmm. Are you a "fool" (Psa. 14:1)?



By Robert Lupo

Hell Together Is No Better

Music is a powerful form of communication. By combining the right melody with the right harmonies and rhythm, a simple poem can be transformed into an unforgettable expression of deep emotional thought. It is no wonder then why God asks us to sing songs to Him in worship.

Songs have become one of the primary ways messages are conveyed in today's culture. From catchy jingles in lawyer commercials to soaring politically-charged ballads, our minds are being shaped by music. Music helps us pay attention, connect emotionally and remember ideas.

Recently, a song came out that is striking a chord with many across the world. "Hell Together" by David Archuleta tells the singer's personal story of coming out as homosexual in a religious household. With tremendous vocal talent and lyrical skill, the former American Idol star expresses his mother's heart-wrenching reaction to this news as the song's chorus saying, "Oh, if they don't like the way you're made then they're not any better. If Paradise is pressure, oh we'll go to hell together."

It is hard to hear this message and not be moved emotionally, especially for those who have experienced homosexual attraction or a family member "coming out." As the

singer expresses in the song, it is easy for someone dealing with these issues to become angry with God and the church. No Christian wants this. We hurt when others are hurting, and we know that Jesus is the answer to all hurt (cf. Matt. 11:28-30). But, sometimes we don't know what words we ought to use when confronting loved ones with homosexual desires.

However, what we cannot say under any circumstances is what this song promotes. It is no better to go to hell together. No amount of vocal talent or song writing skill can make this statement anything but tragic. Homosexuality is a sin that is condemned throughout the Scriptures (cf. Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-28). But, it is a sin that can be overcome.

When speaking of homosexuality in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Paul reveals that among the very people he was writing to were former homosexuals. He says in verse 11, "But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." No matter what the world wants us to believe, homosexual desire can be washed away, for there is no sin that our Lord is incapable of cleansing (1 John 1:9).

We cannot surrender and accept homosexuality as an immutable trait. If we do, we will deprive souls of knowing the cleansing power of Christ. Their blood will be on our hands, and we will go to hell together (cf. Ezek. 3:17; Rom. 1:28-32).

Homosexuality is a sin...But it is a sin that can be overcome.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Plane pitiful parenting

While waiting to board a flight recently, I had the unfortunate experience of witnessing firsthand some lousy parenting. One mom of a 10-year-old boy told him to do something. He ignored her. So she begged him to do it. He smarted off at her. She pleaded one more time. He shouted, "No!" She sulked, "Ok, I'll just do it myself." Not 10 minutes later, a father had a similar exchange with a 7-year-old son. That son ran away full speed down the concourse.

Parents, God gave you the job of being THE parent (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:1-4). It's not an easy job, but it's the ticket that you bought. You need to make the rules, enforce the rules and enact consequences when the rules are violated. Your kids may not be on board with that, but your responsibility is to fly them toward heaven and do your best to arrive there together (Psa. 127:3-5).

For the rest of us, is it possible that we might look like those airport boys in the eyes of our Father in heaven, not following His flight plan? Do we "obey" our Father? "This is right" (Eph. 6:1)! – DS



Your "always" Friend

Do you have a friend who is always there for you no matter what? I mean "always"! They never have a family emergency or get sick or have something unexpected come up. You probably have a friend who is "almost always" there for you, but no one could say "always."

Do you have a friend who will listen to you all times of day or night? I mean "all times"! They are never out of town or are on another call or had their ringer off. You probably have a friend who will listen "almost all the time," but no one could say "all the time."

Do you have a friend who always forgives you when you do them wrong and genuinely express sorrow and ask for forgiveness? I mean "always"! They never have to "think about it" or have "had it up to here" or recall your other shortcomings. You probably have a friend who "almost always" will forgive you, but no one could say "always."

Now, you've already figured out the point. You DO have a FRIEND, who is always there for you (Heb. 13:5), always ready to listen (1 John 5:14-15) and will always forgive (1 John 1:9)!

– DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Anthioda Charles	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Zula Garrett	recovering from broken bones in her back
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Grace Judge	having treatments for her neck and back pain
Dick Kelley	recovering at home from surgery
Robert Mariano	hernia surgery postponed until April 18
Juliette Mauvais	still dealing with a lot of pain
Isolyn Sinclair	dealing with severe hip pain
Samuel Williams	medical tests on April 9 for stomach problems
Evetta Wilson	dealing with several health issues

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carmen Dussard	Isolyn Sinclair's sister, dealing with kidney problems
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, very weak
Corinne Gardner	Dave Holaday's daughter, swollen lymph nodes
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, struggling with health issues
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from a fall
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, cancer, Hospice being called in

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 15

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume next week.

Tuesday, April 16

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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. 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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, April 14

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

Friday, April 19

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Friday, April 26

- ◆ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward.** This year's theme is "The Bible: For Real." Meet at the church building to carpool. We will be leaving at 4:30 p.m. Don't be late!

Sunday, April 28

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Robert Lupo for details.

Saturday, May 4

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Equipping & Edifying Families

7 Verses to Write on the Doorposts of Your Home

by Dan Winkler



1. Deuteronomy 6:1 – Obey God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:1; cf. Lev. 18:4)
 - 1) *The commandment* – Moses commanded them to teach obedience.
 - 2) *The Statutes* [lit. “engravings”] and *judgments* [i.e. “rules,” Ten Commandments (Ex. 34:28)].
- d. Homes Today – Obey (cf. Mark 1:27 + 4:21) God (Matt. 4:4; Acts 5:29; Heb. 5:8-9).

2. Deuteronomy 6:2 – Respect God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:2; cf. Psa. 2:11)
 - 1) *Fear* – the idea is that of respect (Ecc. 12:13).
 - 2) *Keep* (cf. Gen. 17:1 + Psa. 100:1-3) – Phylacteries’ *shin, daleth and yod = Shaddai, “Almighty.”*
- d. Homes Today – Respect God [still *El Shaddai* (Rev. 4:8; 15:3-4)] (Acts 10:35; 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 2:12).

3. Deuteronomy 6:3 – Trust God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:3; cf. Prov. 3:5)
 - 1) *That it may be well with you...that you may multiply* – Note the dual purpose.
 - 2) *The LORD God of your fathers has promised* [lit., “has spoken,” verb is intensive] (Psa. 36:7; 62:8).
- d. Homes Today – Trust God (John 14:1; 1 Tim. 4:10; Heb. 13:5).

4. Deuteronomy 6:4 – Believe God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:4; cf. Zech. 14:9)
 - 1) *Hear* – Known as the *Shama*, spoken twice a day at morning and evening prayers.
 - 2) *LORD is one* [lit., “LORD is alone,” in contrast to Canaanite pantheon] (Isa. 45:5-7).
- d. Homes Today – Believe God (Mark 11:22; Heb. 11:6; cf. 1 Cor. 8:4, 6).

5. Deuteronomy 6:5 – Love God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:5; cf. Psa. 31:23)
 - 1) *Love* – Jesus describes this command as the “greatest” (Matt. 22:35-38) and “first” (Mark 12:29-30).
 - 2) *Heart...soul...strength* – Just as God is one, every part of us is to be fused into one feeling: love.
- d. Homes Today – Love God (Matt. 22:37; 1 Cor. 8:3; 1 John 5:3).

6. Deuteronomy 6:6 – Ingest God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:6; cf. Psa. 23)
 - 1) *These words* – the specific words and ways of this context.
 - 2) *Your heart* – Note: *you/your* found 67 times or *your God/our God* found 79 times in the chapter. We are His; He is ours!
- d. Homes Today – Ingest God (Eph. 3:19; 5:18; Phil. 1:11).

7. Deuteronomy 6:7 – Discuss God!

- a. Homes in the Old Testament (Deut. 6:7; Psa. 34:11)
 - 1) *Teach them diligently* – Hebrew root used was one for “sharpening weapons.”
 - 2) *Talk of them when...when...when* – Word of God is like a “whet stone,” sharpening the soul.
- d. Homes Today – Discuss God (Mark 16:15; 1 Cor. 9:16; 2 Tim. 4:2).

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
April 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Astrid Arevalo; Mr. Israel Cuevas; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Germaine Noukelak; Ms. Liz Otero; Ms. Dorothy Pernel; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Ms. Derwesa Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Lester & Simone Beans, Jacksonville, FL; Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Butuan City, Philippines; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Ms. Vivette McKen, Jacksonville, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; and Mrs. Stephanie Valentin, Newport News, VA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, April 15th
Aaron & Squadeina Ross (Ann.)

Friday, April 19th
Sherri Richmond

Wednesday, April 17th
Joseph Charles

Saturday, April 20th
Donald Seay


Thursday, April 18th
Loni Fuller



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you all for the love, prayers and flowers that you gave me and my family during our loss and my health problems. I love my church family and thank God for each of you. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love,
Mary A. Jackson



His Kids Class
Sundays at 5:30 p.m.
For Age 3 & up.
Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

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 14

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

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley, III David Lord
Ed Buonadonna David Perez
Gorman Ericksen Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Freddie Gadson Dirk Summerlot
Bill Ingram, Jr. TBD

Sunday Evening, April 14

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer David Brown
Scripture Reading Andres Fernandez
Singing
Lord's Supper Paul Metzkes
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Swayne

Serve at Table:

Joel Ramirez Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: Ricky Smith
Computer this week: Seth Watson
Video this week: Buzz Nelson

Wednesday Evening, April 17

Singing Ricky Smith
Invitation Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 7	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	162	172
Sun. AM Worship	268	297
Sun. PM Worship	94	123
Wed. Bible Study	123	136
Contribution	\$20,037	\$18,226

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,741

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

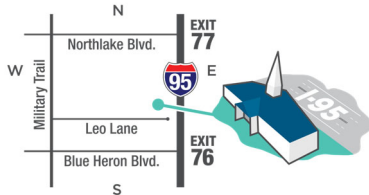
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Darin Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



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.

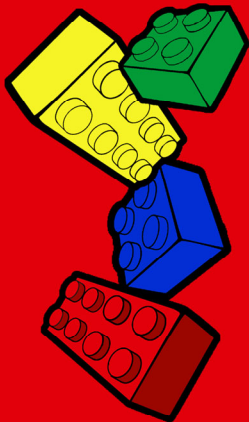
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BUILDING FOR GOD



Vacation Bible School

hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



JUNE 2-5

Each Night at 7:00 p.m.

(Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.)

Noah: Building the Ark
Solomon: Building the Temple
Nehemiah: Building the Wall
Jesus: Building the Church

Classes for all ages! (babies, children, teens & adults)

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).