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## Saturday, May 4: Elders' Workshop



#### Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Andy Robison will be addressing vital topics for today's elders.

RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

## Saturday, May 4: Power Up! for Men



11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

15-Minute POWER Lessons by Andy Robison, Steven Akin, Terry Frizzell & Gale Nelson

Lunch will be served. RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

## Sunday, May 5: Friends & Family Day



9:00 a.m. A Crucified Savior

10:00 a.m. A Resurrected Lord

We will have regular evening services at 6:00 p.m.



### Filled With the Spirit and Full of the Spirit

We often struggle to understand difficult passages because of our lack of knowledge of the Old Testament. When we come to the New Testament and read the expression of being "filled with the Spirit" or being "full of the Spirit," we have difficulty comprehending what these phrases mean.

Look at the following to see this illustrated.

Men in the Old Testament were filled with the Spirit. When the tabernacle was being built, God gave miraculous power to "brick-makers," and this action is described as being filled with the Spirit. Read Exodus 28:3; 31:3; 35:42 to see the usage of the Bible phrase "filled with the Spirit."

Joshua was described as a man filled with wisdom (one of the gifts of the Spirit) and the reason

given is that he had this gift because Moses had laid his hands on Joshua (Deut. 34:9).

Micah spoke of the lack of revelation from the Jewish prophets, seers and diviners and then affirmed that he spoke because he was "full of power by the Spirit" (Micah 3:5-8).

When one begins reading the New Testament, the expressions "filled with the Spirit" and "full of the Spirit" are used to describe individuals speaking, preaching and prophesying. The prophet, John the Baptist, was filled with the Spirit from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15). Elisabeth was filled with the Spirit and spoke about Mary (Luke 1:41-42). Zacharias was filled with the Spirit and prophesied (Luke 1:67). Jesus was filled with the Spirit and led into the wilderness (Luke 4:1).

The book of Acts uses these expressions to describe those who proclaimed God's will. The apostles were filled with the Spirit and spoke (Act 2:4, 11). Peter was filled and spoke (Acts 4:8). The disciples were filled and spoke (Acts 4:31). The

> seven chosen in Acts 6 were already full of wisdom and the Spirit—the apostles laid their hands on them to appoint men already full of the Spirit to be appointed over their new work (Acts 6:3,6). Saul of Tarsus was filled and spoke immediately (Acts 9:17, 20).

 Space does not permit to describe this truth
in the rest of Acts, but check Acts 4:8; 7:55; 11:24; 13:9-10. The result of all of this was the church was
supplied with what it needed and was often filled with joy.

In Ephesians 5:18, there is a contrast with pagan worship, where wild festivals often had songs of mirth, actions of immorality and drinking, and the orderly worship in the early church. They were filled with "spirits," and the church was to be filled with the Spirit and were speaking in psalms (cf. 1 Cor. 14:26), spiritual songs and prayers in a known language (1 Cor. 14:14-15). What a contrast and what a blessing!



## We Are Not Under the Sabbath Today

God said, "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Deut. 5:12). So, are we supposed to "observe the Sabbath day" today? The Biblical answer to that question is, "No." Let's study the Bible together.

By David Sproule

First, we must observe to whom the command was given. "God made a covenant

with [Israel] in Horeb" (Deut. 5:2). The command to keep the Sabbath was part of that special covenant that God made with the Jews, while they were at Mount Sinai. "The Lord did not make this covenant" before Sinai "with [their] fathers, but with" Israel (5:3).

It was to the Jews, and the Jews alone (Ex. 20:1-2; 31:12-17; Ezek. 20:12, 20), that God "came down...on Mount Sinai, and...made known to them [His] holy Sabbath" (Neh. 9:13-14). Thus, it was not

"made known" before Sinai, and it was not "made known" to any other nation but Israel. The Sabbath was given to the Jews, so they would "remember that [they] were a slave in the land of Egypt" (Deut. 5:15). There is no command in the Bible of Sabbath observance by any non-Jew, for it would be meaningless to anyone who was not delivered by God from bondage in Egypt. It was not a universal command to all mankind.

Second, we must observe that the Sabbath was part of the Ten Commandments, which was part covenant and law

that God made at Mount Sinai. Some folks try to separate out the Ten Commandments as a "moral law" (their words) that was not removed with the "ceremonial law" (their words) of the Old Testament. Closely observe that the "covenant" that God made with Moses "and with Israel" included "the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments" (Ex. 34:27-28). The "covenant" that He "commanded [them] to perform" contained "the Ten Commandments" (Deut. 4:13). Compare also

> verses 9 and 21 in 1 Kings 8. God uses "the covenant" and the Ten Commandments interchangeably.

> Finally, we must observe that Jesus took "away the first [covenant] that He may establish the second" (Heb. 10:9). We are "released from," "free from," "dead to" and "delivered from" the law that includes, "You shall not covet" (i.e., the Ten Commandments) (Rom. 7:1-7). The covenant that was

"brought to an end" (2 Cor. 3:7, 11, 13) was "written and engraved on stones" (i.e., the Ten Commandments) (3:7). The covenant that was "wiped out," "taken out of the way" and "nailed to the cross" included the "Sabbaths" (Col. 2:14-17).

We are "no longer under" the law requiring (or even permitting) observance of the Sabbath day (Gal. 3:19-25). In fact, if we try to bring over just that one part of the old covenant, we are "under obligation to keep the whole law" and are "severed from Christ" (Gal. 5:3-4).

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The Bible is the best source to define difficult words and

phrases



## They Might Think You're Crazy

One of the greatest moments in worship to our God is when the gospel call for salvation convicts a soul to come forward and confess their faith in Jesus Christ. We see the look of joy in Christ mixed with the guilt of sin in their eyes as they profess, "Yes. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God." Based

By Robert Lupo

on that confession, they are then baptized for the forgiveness of all of their sins (cf. Acts 2:38). We can then all rejoice that salvation has come to another soul.

Confession is a vital step in God's plan of salvation. Paul says clearly in Romans 10:9, "...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." So, confession and belief go hand-in-hand. You can't have one without the other.

If you confess, then you are showing what is in your heart and if you believe with all your heart, then you can't help but confess. But, is the confession that leads to salvation simply a onetime act that happens at the front pew or in a baptistry?

In verse 9, the words "confess" and "believe" are in the past tense. This certainly indicates an action that occurred in the past. However, in the next verse, "believes" and "confession" are in the present tense. This is a subtle explanation of the obvious, that belief and confession of faith must

to be a defining feature of our lives...

continue "...unto salvation" (v. 10). Confession needs to be a defining feature of our lives as much as belief.

If confession is a defining feature of our lives, then there may be times that we need to confess that faith outside of the church building. If we are truly living as Christians, then people are going to ask questions. So, Peter instructs us to "...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..." (1 Pet. 3:15).

This may not be as easy as it sounds. What **Confession needs** we believe may be hard for people to understand. We believe in something that should be impossible in nature. Remember, our confession is that 2,000 years ago a man was raised from the dead. That is pretty far-fetched for most people. If you went around telling people this, what would they think of you? They might think you're crazy. They might make fun of

you. They might try to make you deny your faith.

But, if you truly believe with all of your heart, then no words someone may say will be able to convince you to lie against yourself. Denying the resurrection is evidence that you never truly believed to begin with. "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father" (1 John 2:23).

The confession that leads to salvation doesn't care what others think. It is the truth that brings eternal life.

### Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

#### "I'm trying to get my life together"

So many folks who are not yet Christians have held off on making that final decision to be baptized into Christ and to give their life to the Lord UNTIL "I get things in my life straightened out." Likewise, many Christians have stumbled over the years and then hold off coming back to the Lord UNTIL "I get my life put together again."

With all due respect (and I mean that!), friends, you've got it backwards. When your life is in pieces (like Humpty Dumpty after his "great fall"), you are ill-equipped to "put it back together again"...by yourself. But do you know who is perfectly qualified to "straighten out"

the kinks in your life and "put you together" just right? The ONE who made you!

A truly penitent heart will realize that the One, in whose image I have been "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psa. 139:14), knows the pieces of my heart (1 Sam. 16:7) and my life (John 2:25), and HE will help me put everything together just right (2 Cor. 5:17). Do you trust Him? – DS

#### What does "All to us" look like?

Jesus taught that we are to "love the Lord" with "all" of our heart, soul, strength and mind (Luke 10:27). What does that look like? Paul said that, to those who have "put on the new man," Christ is "all and in all" (Col. 3:10-11). What does that look like?



There are many ways to answer that question, but Chris Tomlin summarized it well in his hymn, "All to Us." Here are three things that those who "believe" that Jesus is "all to us" need to affirm: "Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the church." Sounds like Ephesians 3:21. "Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame

that burns." Sounds like Philippians 3:9-11. "Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives." Sounds like 2 Corinthians 5:14.

Can YOU truly say that Jesus is "all" to you? What is your passion? Is it to glorify His name? What burns within you? Is it a yearning to do and teach what is right? What means the most to you? Is it the saving love of Christ? Christ must be our "all"! Is He yours? - DS

## Keep in Your Prayers

## **Pray for These PBL Members**

Lillian Bankston	still in St. Mary's Medical Center
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	struggling with chronic infection and severe pain
Maxine McCoy	having knee surgery on April 24
Robert Mariano	hernia surgery on April 18
Sherri Richmond	seeing a surgeon for her chronically infected knee
Samuel Williams	medical tests for stomach problems
Evetta Wilson	dealing with several health issues

### **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

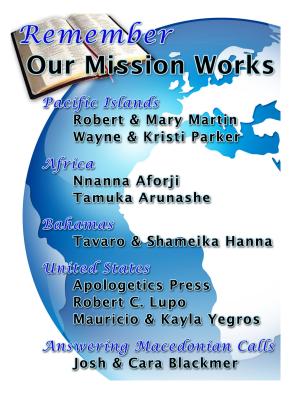
Carmen Dussard	Isolyn Sinclair's sister, undergoing dialysis treatments
John Lord	David Lord's father, awaiting results from cancer tests
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from a fall
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, cancer, Hospice being called in

#### **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**

Inell Ingram
Daniel Johnson
Kasandra Jones
Betty Matter
Joyce Parker
Leigh Puckett
Maurine Reed
Ricky Smedley



## Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Monday, April 22

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

#### Tuesday, April 23

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

#### Saturday, April 27

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

#### Friday, May 3

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. Please bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

#### 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.

#### <u>Sunday, May 5</u>

Friends & Family Day with Andy Robison. Jr. High, Sr. High & adults will meet in the Auditorium during class.
9:00 a.m. A Crucified Savior
10:00 a.m. A Resurrected Lord

#### <u>Monday, May 6</u>

 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, May 17

Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. 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, May 18

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

# Young Adults

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#### Saturday, May 11

• Young Adult Devotional at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.

#### Friday, May 17

• Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. 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, April 21

• No His Kids Class. Class will resume on April 28.

#### 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

- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- Jr. High & Sr. High Devo after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. See Robert Lupo for details.

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His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up.



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

## May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> a Charles & Rhona Hayes	2	3 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting	4 ☆ Elder's Work- shop with Andy Robison ☆ Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men b Dan Johnson b Manoella Mendietta
5 ☆ Friends & Family Day with Andy Robison ☆ His Kids Class a Taylor & Natalie Reeves b Willie Wilkins b Trina Wright	6 ☆ Men's Meet b Rachel Fuller b Johnnie Green b Nicholas Pietro	7	<b>8</b> b Jacqui Jenkins b Chuck Reeves, Jr. b Jackie Stout	9 b Leigh Puckett	10	11 ☆ Young Adult Devotional b John Judd
12 ☆ His Kids Class b Bree Solis	13 b June Pack	14 b Mattie Cox b Claire Crews b Carolyn Cullom	<b>15</b> b Pete Brown	16	17 ☆ Ladies & Lattes	18 ☆ VBS Work Day b Josh & Cara Blackmer a Rick & Peggy Hall a Jerry & Lorena Pittman b Joan Holloway b Rick Price
19 ☆ His Kids Class	<b>20</b> b Lovetta Harmon	21	<b>22</b> a Willie & Mattie Cox b Karly Stone	23 a John & Sue Hoelzer b Natasha Campbell-Flores b Tyler Williams	24	25 ☆ VBS Work Day
26 ☆ Promotion Sunday ☆ High School Graduates' Luncheon ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo a Ramon & Ashley Alfaro a Lawrence & Julie Williams b Gloria Boyd b Helen Chapman	<b>27</b> a Bob & Sandi Hanna	28 b Margie Hardin	29 b Grace Judge	<b>30</b> b Dianne Halenda b Jené Williams	<b>31</b> b Douglas Alvarenga	
b Helen Chapman b Bob Higbee			VBS	Setup Nights (May 29	9-31)	

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

this week

Birthdays

Steward & Rowena Lynch (Ann.)

Layla Courts-Buonadonna

Monday, April 22nd

Jeremy Maloney Amber Villard



Friday, April 26th

Saturday, April 27th

Jordan & Marsha Beasley (Ann.)

Rick Hall

Ivan Villard

Marie Telfort



Sunday, April 14

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Astrid Arevalo; Miss Arianna Bassett; Mrs. Judy Bird; Mr. Israel Cuevas; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Emily McCall; Mr. Don McClintock; Ms. Manoella Mendietta; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Ms. Mornese Paige; Ms. Dorothy Pernell; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Mr. Bernard Santini; Miss Charleigh Ward; Mr. Trevor Wellington; Ms. Staci Young; and Ms. Derwesha Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. David Brandt, Ooltewah, TN; Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Butuan City, Philippines; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; and Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA.



We rejoice with Arianna Bassett who was baptized on Sunday, April 14.



Keith & Susan Joy placed membership at the Sebastian congregation.

#### 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 <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

#### Sunday Morning, April 21

Singing	Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper	Jimmie Banks
Singing	
Opening Prayer	Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading	Kirk Crews
Singing	
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Mike Archer
Serve at Table:	
Lance Collier	lim Bogors
	Jim Rogers
Mike Erickson	Cayden Scriven
Connor Goodale	Joseph Snyder
Jeff Goodale	Ivan Villard
Jack Holoman	Marty Williams
Service Coordinator:	<u>Ushers</u> for this
Mike Damron	<u>Safety Team</u> fo

#### Sunday Evening, April 21

Singing Opening Prayer Scripture Reading	Islay Rodriguez
Singing	
Lord's Supper	John Hoelzer
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Johnny Davis
Serve at Table: Joe Maloney	Johnny Singer
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A C Video this week: Edward Gager

#### Wednesday Evening, April 24

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Our Record		
Attendance	<u>Apr. 14</u>	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	157	172
Sun. AM Worship	o 252	297
Sun. PM Worship	o 101	123
Wed. Bible Study	/ 126	136
Contribution	\$17,195	\$18,226
2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,484		

s week: Kane Campbell & Vincent Rogers Safety Team for this week: Lawrence 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. Ν Northlake Blvd w **Service Schedule** Sunday: Worship ..... 10:00 a.m. Worship ......6:00 p.m. Wednesday:

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## Upcoming Events

#### May 4 Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men Theme: "Strong Men in Christ"

May 5 Friends & Family Day with Andy Robison Theme: "Two Essentials That Make Him Jesus

May 26 **Promotion Sunday** 

June 2-5 **Vacation Bible School** Theme: "Building for God"

June 12 Wednesday Night Summer Series Begins Theme: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"

July 14-20 Forever Camp at CFBC