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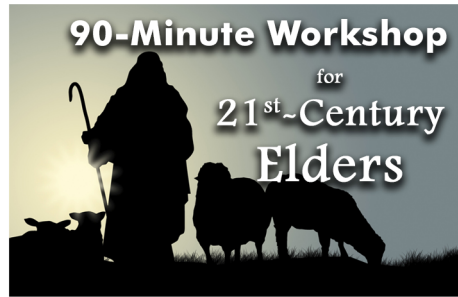


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Saturday, May 4: Elders' Workshop

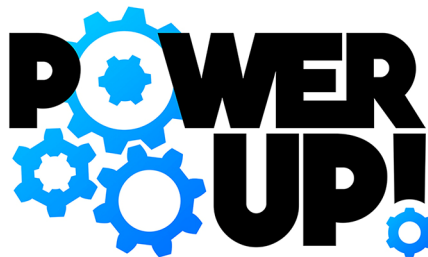


Begins at 9:00 a.m.

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

RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Saturday, May 4: Power Up! for Men



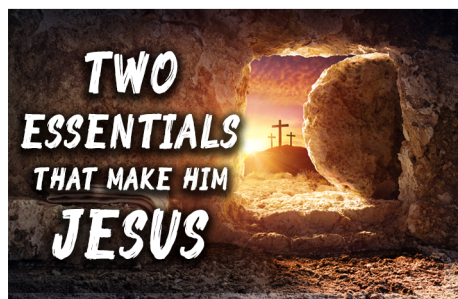
11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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.



By Dan Jenkins

When He Left the Earth...

Most in Christendom believe that Jesus was the Son of God who came in human form to do the will of His Father. They believe that He arose from the dead and shortly afterwards ascended into heaven. What is often overlooked is what impact He had while on this earth, and what His plan was after He ascended.

Even a casual reader of the New Testament will immediately discover that He so often spoke of the kingdom. In the four gospel accounts of His life, the kingdom is mentioned over 130 times. Far too many have overlooked this truth repeated so many times, and in doing so, they fail to see just how that kingdom is related to what was involved in His plan after He ascended.

Have you ever considered just how many individuals announced that the kingdom was about to be established? John the Baptist taught that the kingdom was at hand (Matt. 3:2). When Jesus first began teaching, He told those who heard Him that the kingdom was at hand, it was about to be established (Mark 1:15). As He lived on this earth, He sent the twelve apostles out to teach every Jew in every city that the kingdom was about to come (Matt. 10:7). Later, He sent another 70 individuals to go among the Jews and promised them

that the kingdom was about to become a reality (Luke 10:9). That's 84 messengers sent by God in a period of about three years who were telling everyone that God's new kingdom, led by the King of all kings, was about to become a reality.

Look at how specific Jesus was in telling those who listened to Him about the precise time that kingdom was to be established. His words are so easy to understand. "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power" (Mark 9:1). Imagine that you had been standing there and heard Him say these words. What would you believe about when that kingdom would come into existence?

The reason some struggle with the words of these 84 prophets sent by God is because they have heard so many teachers talk about the fact that when He comes the second time at the end of the world He would finally establish the kingdom. If that is true, you cannot reconcile this with the clear teaching of heaven's 84 messengers. Common sense says we should first listen to these witnesses instead of some televangelists and pastors today who say the kingdom is yet future.

What is that kingdom like? Take time to read the book of Acts telling what happened just days after He ascended. When He left the earth, what did He leave on the earth?

Have you ever noticed how many prophets said the kingdom was coming?



By David Sproule

When You Partake of the Lord's Supper

The congregation sings a hymn to "help prepare our minds" for the Lord's Supper. The words are very meaningful, even though we've sung it a hundred times before. Then, a group of men stand up and walk to the front table and pass some trays to each other. They stand there in respectful

silence as a man gets up to make some appropriate comments. Initially it is a little hard to follow and make the connection, but then he reads some verses about the cross, which are as familiar as any Biblical text. He prays a short prayer of thanks, after which the men disperse and begin to pass the trays up and down the rows. The tray comes to you, and you take a miniature piece of thin bread and place it in your mouth. What now?

The tendency may be to think, "I'm done until the next tray comes around." If that's the case, there's some time to kill between now and then. But, when examining the New Testament, it is evident that I'm not "done." The early church "came together to break bread" (Acts 20:7). But their purpose was not merely to pass the trays and be reverently quiet. Their Lord, Savior and Friend had suffered a viciously cruel death for them. At His behest, they were going to "remember" Him, "discern" His body and "examine" themselves (1 Cor. 11:23-29). What would that involve?

Remember His anguish. His "soul" was "exceedingly sorrowful," and He was in "agony" (Matt. 26:38; Luke 22:44), long before anyone laid a hand on Him.

Remember His arrest. After praying through sweat and blood, "a band of soldiers" came to Him with "weapons" ("swords and clubs," Matt. 26:47), and "arrested Jesus and bound Him" like a criminal (John 18:3, 12).

Remember His adversaries. He was condemned by liars testifying before liars, who preferred a violent murderer be released into the public rather than innocent Jesus, and shouted with prevailing cries, "Crucify Him" (Matt. 26:57-68; 27:1-26).

Remember His assault. He was stripped, scourged, crowned with thorns, spat upon and mocked mercilessly (Matt. 26:27-31).

Remember His assassination. He was brutally nailed to a cursed tree to die the most wretched and agonizing of deaths but had "done nothing wrong" (Luke 22:26-46).

No! I'm not done when I pick up a piece of bread or drink from a little cup! Because for six long tormenting hours, He was not done! Let us remember! Let us discern! Let us examine! Let our manner of partaking be acceptable and worthy in His sight, and may we not distract others from remembering, discerning and examining themselves!

I'm not done when I pick up a piece of bread or drink from a little cup!



By Robert Lupo

Is the Suffering Servant Israel?

Isaiah 53 is probably the most famous Messianic passage of all Scripture. In this chapter, we learn of the Suffering Servant. The prophet tells us that this servant would be “despised,” “rejected,” “a Man of sorrows,” “smitten by God,” “wounded for our transgressions,” “bruised for our iniquities,” and heal us “by His stripes.”

If you are in any way familiar with the life of Jesus of Nazareth, then you cannot help but see that this prophecy was fulfilled in Him. Throughout the New Testament, it is revealed that Jesus was, in fact, the Servant described in Isaiah 53. For example, when speaking of Jesus, Peter wrote, “...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed” (1 Pet. 2:24). If it was obvious to the New Testament writers and every Christian that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53, then how do modern Jews reconcile not believing in Jesus as the Messiah?

The most common argument modern Jews make is that the Suffering Servant is not the Messiah. In this view, it is argued that the Servant is not an individual, but the entire nation of Israel. Meaning, that is the revived Jewish kingdom that will fulfill this prophecy. They point to several passages preced-

ing Isaiah 53 that directly identifies “Jacob and Israel” as a servant of God (cf. Isa. 41:8-9; 44:1-2, 21, 26; 45:4; 49:3). But is this the same servant of Isaiah 53?

Without spending too much time in Isaiah, it can be seen very quickly that the prophet refers to more than one person as God’s servant. Early in the book, kings Hezekiah and Cyrus are called servants of God. Furthermore, in chapters 42-53, it is clear that Isaiah speaks of two different servants of God. Certainly, there is Israel, but there is another. This is shown clearest in chapter 49:1-7, where this second servant speaks to Israel. In verse 5, He says, “And now the Lord says, who formed Me from the womb to be His **Servant**, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him...” Not only is there a second servant, but this Servant will redeem God’s other servant, Israel. This is the Messiah.

So, which servant is Isaiah 53 talking about? We can prove that the Suffering Servant is the Messiah. In verse 8, we see who is benefited by His suffering. “...For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.” Who were God’s people in the Old Testament? They were Israel. Is it possible for Israel to be stricken for the transgressions of Israel? Nonsense! This servant must be the Messiah, whose life described in the prophets was perfectly fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

...this Servant will redeem God’s other servant, Israel.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Flip a switch

John Henry Holmes—a 19th-century electrical engineer and inventor from Newcastle, England—is credited with inventing the light switch in 1884. Never before could an individual so quickly turn something on or off. Or is that true?

The apostle Peter utilized a type of switch in Galatians 2. When he visited the Gentile city of Antioch, “he would eat with the Gentiles” (Gal. 2:11-12), for his fellow Jews were not around. But when Jews came to visit him from Jerusalem, “he withdrew and separated himself [from the Gentiles], fearing” the Jews (2:12). You see, Peter flipped a switch.

Do you have that kind of a switch? Do you “flip a switch,” depending on “who you are around”? Are you friends with certain people, until some other friends come around? What about your speech or your conduct? Does it vary (on/off) depending on who is around? Verse 13 calls that “playing the hypocrite,” which is condemned repeatedly by our God (Jas. 3:17; 1 Pet. 2:1). Friends, Jesus said to turn your light “on” for Him and leave it “on” (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:15). – DS



Confused followers

It’s interesting how current events can be a reminder of a similar event in the Bible. While Paul was in Ephesus in Acts 19, “there arose a great commotion about the Way” (19:23), and unbelievers targeted Paul for his preaching and miracles (19:27). Read the reactions of the people carefully: “They were full of wrath and cried out...So the whole city was filled with confusion...Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together...all with one voice cried out for about two hours” (19:18, 29, 32, 34). The city clerk finally spoke up and urged for matters to be “determined in the lawful assembly,” instead of “this disorderly gathering” (19:39-40).

God calls upon us to “reason” through things (Isa. 1:18). He tells us to “not follow a crowd to do evil” (Ex. 23:2). He warns us that evil influences can lead us astray (1 Cor. 15:33). Let us ever be mindful to consider those with whom we associate and, rather than following blindly, let us set a godly example by choosing to follow Christ first (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:9-12). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lillian Bankston	in St. Mary's (room 3036), going home soon
Anthioda Charles	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Zula Garrett	Jupiter Medical Center, recovering from kyphoplasty
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Dick Kelley	struggling with chronic infection and severe pain
Maxine McCoy	recovering from knee surgery
Robert Mariano	recovering from hernia surgery
Rose Martens	in the hospital and not doing well, NO calls or visits
Sherri Richmond	seeing a surgeon for her chronically infected knee
Amy West	Bethesda East Hospital (room 2265), artery bypass surg.

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	



The family of Delores Sims, who passed away on Monday, April 22. She was **Derrick & Jimmie Banks' mother** and **Sylvester Jackson & Leonard Williams' sister**.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, kyphoplasty on her back
John Lord	David Lord's father, awaiting results from cancer tests

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 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

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

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.

Sunday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 5

- ◆ **Friends & Family Day with Andy Robison (cont.)**
9:00 a.m. *A Crucified Savior*
10:00 a.m. *A Resurrected Lord*

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.

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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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Saturday, May 11

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

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Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - May 2024

May 5 ^(A)

May 12 ^(L)

May 19 ^(A)

May 26 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Goodale	Philip Porter	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scripture Reader	Dan McLeod	Michael Erickson	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes
Presiding at Table	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Leslie	Taylor Reeves	Dan Fuller
Serving at Table	Jordan Beasley, III Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Andres Fernandez Edward Gager Bill Ingram, Jr. David Perez Chuck Reeves, Jr. Johnny Singer	Connor Goodale James Green Jack Holoman Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez Lawrence Williams TBD	Douglas Alvarenga Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Todd Juckett Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	Jordan Beasley, III Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Dan McLeod David Perez Johnny Singer Brandan Widner
Closing Prayer	Dan Fuller	Islay Rodriguez	Richard Watson	David Holaday

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Ivan Villard	Victor Colage	Dion Hayes
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	Trey Higbee	Troy Alberga	Daniel Swayne
Presiding at Table	Darin Summerlot	Kane Campbell	Willie Smith	Dirk Summerlot
Serving at Table	Joel Ramirez Luther Robinson	Jim Davis Joe Maloney	John Patrick Trevin Roman	Joel Ramirez Daniel Wagner
Closing Prayer	David Lord	Graysen Hayes	Ricky Smith	Eugene Williams

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Daniel Swayne	Kirk Crews	Seth Watson	Darin Summerlot
Usher	Brandan Widner Eugene Williams	Lance Collier Marty Williams	Tim Cox Tim Fry	Mike Damron Chuck Reeves, Jr.

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

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LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Israel Cuevas; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Debra Juckett; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Ms. Liz Otero; Ms. Dorothy Pernell; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Staci Young; and Ms. Derwesa Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Butuan City, Philippines; Mr. Bill Cline, Pensacola, FL; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; and Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL.



We rejoice with **Anthony Marion** who was baptized on Sunday, April 21. Anthony is the son of Ayanna Babcock-Sutherland.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, April 28th
Kane Campbell
Dario Corrales
James Green

Wednesday, May 1st
Charles & Rhona Hayes (Ann.)

Monday, April 29th
Beth Fry

Saturday, May 4th
Dan Johnson
Manoella Mendieta

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 28

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Lord's Supper Richard Watson
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Philip Porter

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins John Patrick
Namddie Ikon Nicholas Pietro
Steward Lynch Taylor Reeves
Tim Mahlbacher Nahum Villard
Robert Mariano Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, April 28

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Robert Lupo
Scripture Reading Tim Fry
Singing
Lord's Supper Ricky Smith
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Willie Smith

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Ivan Villard
Video this week: Buzz Nelson

Wednesday Evening, May 1

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Dan Fuller
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 21	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	149	172
Sun. AM Worship	238	297
Sun. PM Worship	86	123
Wed. Bible Study	122	136
Contribution	\$14,630	\$18,226

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$18,662

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

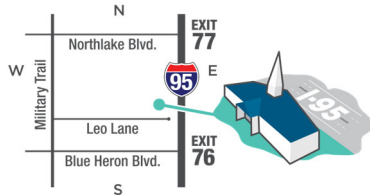
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Seth Watson
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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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: **Natasha Campbell-Flores, Brian, Jana & Isabel**

For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the
Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:25

