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- Dan Fuller..... 685-4454
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- Richard Watson..... 307-2608

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- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Robert Lupo ..... 315-1411

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**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

**9:00 A.M.**  
**A CRUCIFIED SAVIOR**

**10:00 A.M.**  
**A RESURRECTED LORD**



**ANDY ROBISON**  
MOUNDSVILLE, WV

**JR. HIGH, SR. HIGH & ADULTS  
WILL MEET IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 9:00 A.M. FOR CLASS.**



By Dan Jenkins

## He Gave Me a New Song

The songs that we sing are often a mirror of our hearts. This is clearly seen in the songs sung before the early Christians became saints and those songs which they sang afterwards. This is so vividly seen when we look at the contrast of the “before” and “after” songs of the Christian faith. This is what Paul does in Ephesians chapter five.

To understand this, we must know what it would have been like to live in Ephesus before Paul brought Christ to them. In the midst of that city was a large temple used to worship Dionysus or Bacchus. I used Artificial Intelligence to find a description of his worshippers. He was the god of wine and worship festivals involved in excessive drinking and debauchery. “AI” used these words: “wild and uninhibited behavior, excessive and hedonistic behavior, drunkenness, promiscuity, violence, moral ruin, dancing, singing and sexual orgies.” This describes the “before” worship of the Ephesians.

Paul described just how corrupt the pagan world was in the first eleven verses of Ephesians five when he mentions, “Fornication...uncleanness...covetousness...filthiness...foolishness...filthiness...foolish talking...coarse jesting...fornicators...unclean...unclean person...covetousness...idolaters and deceivers...darkness...and unfruitful works of darkness.”

**Do not be drunk with wine (spirits) but be filled with the Spirit**

He emphasizes, “It is shameful to even speak of those things done by them in secret.” Paul contrasts this evil with the lives of those who walk in the light and must NEVER be partakers of what they once did, but to walk in the light and reprove those in the darkness of paganism.

As he concludes his discussion, he contrasts their former “church” with the new worship they now engaged in. The old worship involved being “drunk with wine” (“spirits”), unlike the worship of Christians, where those who were filled with the Spirit (not spirits) were given psalms (1 Cor. 14:26) and inspired songs and prayers, both in known and unknown languages (1 Cor. 14:15-16). They were babes in Christ, and when they did not know how to pray, the Spirit provided the prayers for them.

Do not simply read the words about New Testament singing and ignore the total context of Ephesians five. When first read, the words of Paul about not being drunk with wine seems so much out of place. Keep it in the context as you read those verses. Pagan worship of Dionysus involves excessive drinking, debauchery, chaotic behavior. Instead of bringing pagan ideas into the church, they were to let the Spirit lead them to be singing His psalms and spiritual songs. Our worship is to always be done decently and in order. We have the words of the Spirit to show us how!



By David Sproule

## Count Your Blessings, Name Them ONE By ONE

We know the hymn. Perhaps it is one of your favorites. How could it not be? We reference it often, as it is a needed reminder (from the eloquent pen of Johnson Oatman, Jr.) that we need to count our blessings, even (or maybe especially) when we are “tempest-tossed” on “life’s billows,” when we are “discouraged,” “burdened” or “amid the conflict.”

To actually “count” our blessings and “name them one by one” would be an impossible task. But let me offer you a vantage on something that you already know but to see them as BLESSINGS—true blessings. Let’s consider them ONE by ONE.

**Blessing #1: There is ONE GOD (Eph. 4:6).** There are people in the world who believe in a multiplicity of gods. How confusing must that be? You understand this truth: “The Lord our God, the Lord is one” (Deut. 6:4), and “there is no other God but one” (1 Cor. 8:4).

**Blessing #2: There is ONE LORD (Eph. 4:5).** People today serve all sorts of “masters” (cf. Matt. 6:24), even their own “lusts and pleasures” (Tit. 3:3). You are blessed to know and serve “the Lord of lords” (Rev. 17:14).

**Blessing #3: There is ONE SPIRIT (Eph. 4:4).** Folks today seem to go off in so many directions, but Jesus sent “the Spirit of truth” (only one!) to guide the apostles into “all

truth” (only one!) (John 16:13). What a blessing to know the one revealed way that is pleasing to God (Matt. 7:14, 21), given to us by His one Spirit and not man (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

**Blessing #4: There is ONE FAITH (Eph. 4:5).** Many today believe that truth is subjective (“my truth” and “your truth”). How confusing! How blessed are you to have and to know God’s singular, objective truth given to us in His Word (John 8:32; 17:17) and delivered in its fullness (Jude 3).

**Blessing #5: There is ONE CHURCH (Eph. 4:4).** With thousands of manmade denominations in existence, it can be very confusing to “pick a church.” What a blessing to know and be part of Jesus’ one church, which He built (Matt. 16:18), purchased (Acts 20:28) and approves today (1 Cor. 1:10-13).

**Blessing #6: There is ONE BAPTISM (Eph. 4:5).** While man has complicated God’s simple plan, you are blessed to know that the Lord only taught (Mark 16:16), authorized (Acts 2:38) and accepts (Acts 19:4-5) His one baptism of immersion (Col. 2:12) for the purpose of washing away sins (Acts 22:16).

**Blessing #7: There is ONE HOPE (Eph. 4:4).** Count your blessings, name them ONE by ONE! There are a lot of “ONE” blessings we enjoy, but perhaps none is more joyful to consider than the “living” (1 Pet. 1:3) “hope of eternal life” (Tit. 1:2; 3:7) of being with Christ (Phil. 2:19) forever (1 Thess. 4:17).

**There are a lot of “ONE” blessings we enjoy!**





By Robert Lupo

## The Great Commission and Acts 2

Before Jesus ascended to the Father, He left the apostles with the Great Commission, recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. The Great Commission summarizes the mission of the apostles and of Christians everywhere.

On the Day of Pentecost, the apostles fulfilled the Great Commission in Peter's first sermon. We can look to Acts 2 and see how each part of Christ's mission statement for His church was enacted at Pentecost and must be carried out today.

The Lord begins, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). The sole source of authority in the church is Jesus Christ. In Acts 2:4, the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, endowing them with miraculous gifts, signifying an extension of Christ's authority on them. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 4:2-8 that their commandments were given through the Lord Jesus. "Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit" (v. 8). Today, our authority must come from the same source, the inspired words of God, found in the Bible.

Next, Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matt. 28:19a). In Acts 2, the apostles were provided with an audience of men from every nation (v. 5-11). By the power of the Holy Spirit, each person in attendance

heard Peter's sermon in his own tongue. No matter where they came from or what language they spoke, they heard the message of Christ. In verses 14 through 39, Peter preached to them the gospel that calls all men, everywhere, to be reconciled to God through discipleship in the church of Christ.

But how do you enter Christ's church? How is a sinner made into a disciple? The men at Pentecost were cut to the heart, realizing that they had crucified the Lord. They asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (v. 37). Jesus told the apostles back in Matthew 28:19-20 how to make disciples. By "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." So, Peter replied to the multitude, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41).

If we want to be the church that Jesus Christ died for, we must follow the Lord's mission statement. The apostles obeyed each tenet of the Great Commission and established the church in Acts 2. We too must follow this plan for entering His church and growing His church.

### How is a sinner made into a disciple?

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "America the Beautiful" or "Heaven the Beautiful"?

If you believe in the sovereignty of God, you know that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men" (Dan. 4:17, 25, 32; 5:21). If you believe in the sovereignty of God, you know that God not only "raises up kings," but He also "removes kings" (Dan. 2:21). If you believe in the sovereignty of God, you know how often nations fell throughout the Old Testament because their iniquity rose to a level punishable by God, even when it was His own people.

When we look around today, some question "how long America can stand" when it is turning so decisively away from righteousness and into the depths of dark immorality and sin. No doubt, this nation will one day fall. But, our hope and our focus do not need to be in "our nation."

There is a citizenship in heaven much more important than this earth (Phil. 3:20). There is a purpose for which we have been created—to glorify God and help to save lost souls (Isa. 43:7; John 15:1-16). Let's make sure that our "faith and hope are in God" and not something earthbound (1 Pet. 1:21). – DS

### My rights as a citizen

Just because you "have a right" as a citizen of this country does not necessarily mean that you have approval from God for such. Regardless of when one has a right to have an abortion in this country does not change God's view of the sanctity of life and the sinfulness of murder. Just because you have a right to freedom of speech does not change God's expectations to control our tongues. Having a right to scream in someone's face or to block someone's path does not equal having God's approval. Being free to malign individuals in law enforcement or individuals of a certain ethnicity or class of people does not mean that God sanctions such.

We get so wrapped up, sometimes, in our "rights" as U.S. citizens that we may lose sight of our "responsibilities" as God's children. My first responsibility is to demonstrate my deepest love to God through obedience to Him and to demonstrate true love for my fellow man by treating them as Jesus would (Matt. 22:37-40). Right in God's eyes (1 Tim. 6:11) and living as a citizen of heaven (Phil. 3:20-21) is all that matters! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	in Good Samaritan Medical Center (room 273)
<b>Anthioda Charles</b>	recovering from knee replacement surgery
<b>Zula Garrett</b>	recovering from surgery on her back
<b>Charles Hayes</b>	struggling with several health issues
<b>Trudie Holland</b>	fell and bruised her ribs
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	struggling with chronic infection and severe pain
<b>Maxine McCoy</b>	recovering from knee surgery
<b>Robert Mariano</b>	recovering from hernia surgery
<b>Rose Martens</b>	in the hospital and not doing well, NO calls or visits
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	had a cortisone shot in her ankle to relieve pain
<b>Amy West</b>	recovering at home from surgery

## 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	



**Rick Price**, upon the passing of **his father, Rich Price**, on Monday, April 29 in Pennsylvania.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Ann Graham</b>	Luann McLeod's mother, kyphoplasty on her back
<b>John Lord</b>	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

## 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.            *A Crucified Savior*  
10:00 a.m.         *A Resurrected Lord*

## Monday, May 6

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

## Tuesday, May 7

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

## Monday, May 13

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on May 27.

## Tuesday, May 14

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume on May 21.

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

## Sunday-Thursday, May 19-23

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Third Street** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday). Ben Griffin (Third Street) and William Davis (LaGrange, GA) will be speaking on "The Gospel Is for All." Sunday's lesson will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship meal.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## 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.

## Saturday, May 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Devotional** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. 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.

## Saturday, May 18

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## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, May 5

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

## 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.

## Sunday, May 12

- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on May 19.

## 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.

# STAND *in the* GAP



EZEKIEL 22:30

*May*

**TO SERVE MORE EFFECTIVELY  
IN THE CHURCH**



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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
April 28



We rejoice with **Israel Cuevas** who was baptized on Friday, April 26.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** This Week

Sunday, May 5th

Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.)  
Willie Wilkins  
Trina Wright

Wednesday, May 8th

Jacqui Jenkins  
Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Jackie Stout

Monday, April 6th

Rachel Fuller  
Johnnie Green  
Nicholas Pietro

Thursday, May 9th

Leigh Puckett

Saturday, May 11th

John Judd



We want to express our heartfelt love and appreciation to each of you for the many prayers, thoughts, cards and text messages during this time of dealing with health issues. May God's blessing continue to be with each of you as you continue to be a blessing to others for Him.

In Christian Love,  
Dick & Marcia Kelley

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I wanted to thank each and every person that prayed, called, and sent cards and messages of encouragement during my recovery. I am recovering well and becoming stronger every day. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I love you all very much.

Anthioda Charles

**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, May 5**

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

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley, III    Edward Gager  
Ed Buonadonna        Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Addison Collins        David Perez  
Gorman Ericksen       Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Andres Fernandez     Johnny Singer

**Sunday Evening, May 5**

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Dirk Summerlot  
Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Darin Summerlot  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... David Lord

Serve at Table:

Joel Ramirez            Luther Robinson

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Todd Juckett

**Wednesday Evening, May 8**

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... Dan McLeod  
Family Prayer ..... David Lord

**Our Record**

Attendance	Apr. 28	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	159	172
Sun. AM Worship	267	297
Sun. PM Worship	108	123
Wed. Bible Study	118	136
Contribution	\$17,973	\$18,226

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,183

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

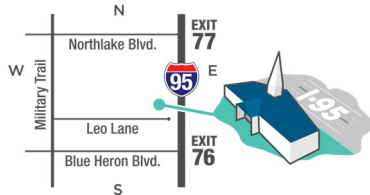
Ushers for this week: Brandan Widner & Eugene Williams  
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



# 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.

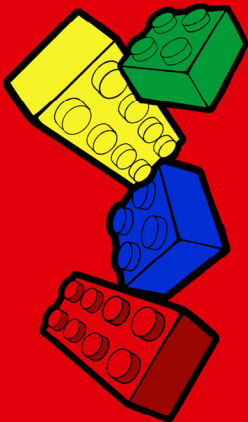
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# BUILDING FOR GOD



## 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).