

Elders

*Johnny Davis 307-4232
 Dan Fuller 685-4454
 Paul Metzkes 870-8042
 Phil Porter 575-4782
 Richard Watson 307-2608

*Chairman for the Month of May

Evangelists

Dan Jenkins 379-2325
 David Sproule 301-2230
 Robert Lupo 315-1411

Deacons

David Brown 972-7608
 Victor Colage 719-1490
 Lance Collier 985-4407
 Kirk Crews 339-9283
 Mike Erickson 310-9916
 Tim Fry 373-9121
 Jeff Goodale 261-1188
 Rick Hall 622-5131
 Dion Hayes 214-533-5065
 Bob Higbee 303-386-6405
 Gary Jenkins 889-3585
 Jeff Leslie 744-3444
 David Lord 346-2228
 Buzz Nelson 385-1588
 Lawrence Williams 662-3419

Church Office

Phone 561-848-1111
 Fax 561-848-1198
 Website www.pblcoc.org
 E-mail office@pblcoc.org
 Ivan Villard 667-8675
 Cindy Nelson 801-9457
 June Pack 627-5363



Vol. LXIII

May 19, 2024

No. 20

Welcome New Members



Bassett, Arianna

Group 3

Baptized April 14



Marion, Anthony

Group 2

Baptized April 21



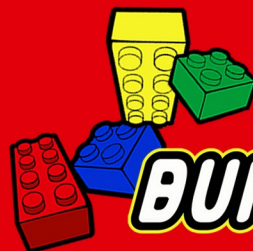
Cuevas, Israel

Group 2

Baptized April 26

Vacation Bible School

June 2-5



BUILDING FOR GOD



By Dan Jenkins

Having An Immovable Faith

As Paul comes to the end his first letter to the saints in Corinth he admonishes them, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (15:58). The first word in this verse calls attention to all that had just been said. He had devoted over fifty verses proving that the resurrection of Jesus is the assurance that we also will be raised and that our faith is based on the surest foundation. The application is found in this final verse. We must always abound in serving Him with a steadfast and immovable faith.

Consider how immovable the faith of His children is revealed throughout the Bible. Listen to the words of the psalmist. "He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved" (Psa. 62:6). In another psalm David described God's help in our walk with Him. "He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber" (Psa. 121:3). Our faith in our immovable God makes it possible for us to *always* to be abounding in our service of Him.

We must remember that because of our faith in Him we are more powerful than the combined power of all the demons of hell. We are more powerful than Satan himself. When

those times come when life's circumstances tries our faith, remember that He who cannot lie has said, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (Jas. 4:7). It is not that sometimes Satan *may* flee from us. When we resist him, he *will* flee.

The faith of Paul was immovable. As he approached Jerusalem for the last time he was determined to deliver the contribution from the Gentile churches to their Jewish brethren. He stopped at many cities on the way, and at every stop Divine prophecies foretold what lay ahead for him. "Now I bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulation await me" (Acts. 20:22-23).

How did he respond to trials and tribulations he was about to face? "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself so that I may finish my race with joy" (Acts 20:24).

This same apostle wrote to the church in Romans and lists the trials we face as Christians. The list includes tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword, death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth or any other created thing. What did he conclude about these things? "In all these things we are more than conquers through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:35-39).

God, help us all to have immovable faith!

**Faith is stronger
that all the combined power of
Satan and the
demons in hell**



By David Sproule

Have You Made a Deal with God?

You've heard of people trying to "make a deal" with God, haven't you? Maybe you have been one of those people. "Lord, if you will _____, then I will _____." Those "deals" are usually designed for the good of the recipient, aren't they?

Would you ever try to "make a deal" with God for the good of someone else? In Psalm 71, the psalmist does exactly that. We will look specifically at verse 18, but get the feel for the entire psalm first. "In you, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me...cause me to escape...incline Your ear to me...save me...Be my strong refuge...save me...Deliver me...Do not cast me off...Do not forsake me...do not be far from me...make haste to help me...do not forsake me...revive me again...bring me up again...increase my greatness...comfort me on every side."

If you only read those expressions in the psalm, you could easily walk away thinking the psalmist was being very demanding, rather selfish and not very God-centered. But such a conclusion would miss the mark. The question to consider is, "Why? Why was the psalmist making these pleas to his God?" Let's consider the focus in verse 18, and then expand that to the rest of the psalm.

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do

not forsake me, **Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come**" (71:18). The psalmist had a goal. He had a purpose. He had a strong desire to "declare" the strength and power of God to his present generation and to successive generations. He was striving to make a deal with God to "deliver" him, "save him" and "not forsake" him, so that he could fulfill his goal of telling others of God!

Look at the rest of the psalm in that light. "My praise shall be continually on You...Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day...I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more...My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits...I will make mention of Your righteousness, and of Yours only...I declare Your wondrous works...I will praise You and Your faithfulness...My lips shall greatly rejoice...and my soul which You have redeemed...My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long."

Have you tried to "make a deal" with God lately? So often those deals are focused on the good of the recipient, but the "deal" that the psalmist was seeking to strike with God was not for his own good but the good of others and of the glory of God. Could you say (or Would you say) to God, "Spare my life until I declare Your greatness to this generation and to the generation to come"? That...and that alone...is our purpose!

**So often those
deals are focused
on the good of
the recipient**



By Robert Lupo

Is Pro-Life Enough?

We are in the midst of another presidential election season. Each side is stating their positions on various political topics. If a candidate can identify the majority's pet issues, then they greatly raise their chance of winning the election.

With the repeal of Roe v. Wade last year, the issue of abortion has remained at the forefront of our political discourse. The pro-choice side is furious at the Supreme Court ruling, and the pro-life side is perfectly content with the new status quo. But, should Christians be satisfied with the current state of abortion in America, or is there more that needs to be done? Is it enough to be "pro-life?"

Many of us may not know what the "pro-life" position actually is. In many cases, it is the abolitionist position that abortion must be banned without exception. However, the majority of pro-life politicians support exceptions for abortion in the case of rape and incest. This fact is reflected in the current abortion ban laws. Out of the forty-one states with restrictions on abortion, ten have exceptions for rape and/or incest. Four of those states allow the exception at any stage of the pregnancy. Our state of Florida allows abortion under these circumstances through 15 weeks of development. As Christians, we need to be consistent on this issue.

...the majority of
pro-life politi-
cians support
exceptions for
abortion...

Here are 3 reasons why rape and incest do not justify abortion.

First, the Bible teaches that it is never justified to kill an innocent human being. Proverbs 6:16-17 says, "These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood..." A child in the womb, who never had the opportunity to do wrong certainly qualifies.

Second, the Bible teaches that life begins at fertilization. Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you..." This fact is agreed upon by all biologists. If you google the question, you will get this one-word answer supported by numerous sources.

Third, the Bible teaches that children cannot be punished for the actions of their parents. Ezekiel 18:20 says, "The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father..." It is hard to imagine a worse crime that can be committed against someone than rape. That is why God condemns rapists to death (Deut. 22:25). However, this does not give us license to punish the child of a rape. In fact, the life of that child may be the very evidence needed to convict and punish the rapist.

We must demand our politicians to not just be pro-life but to abolish abortion in this country. God will not suffer a land that is polluted by innocent blood (cf. Ps. 106:37-40).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

You're already spoken for

Sometimes it may be the sight of a wedding ring or a photo on your desk that tells another person that you're "already spoken for." Or maybe it's a friend of yours who speaks up for you to let others know that you're "already spoken for." Being married is exclusive. And when you're "already spoken for," you know what that means and so does everyone else.

Paul used similar terminology in the New Testament regarding your relationship with Jesus. He told some Christians, "For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2). Paul told another family of Christians that they were "married...to Him who was raised from the dead" (Rom. 7:4). Yes, you're "already spoken for"!

When you're married, you shouldn't even look at another with any desire! The same is true of being married to Christ! When you're married, you should let others know that you're "already spoken for"! The same is true of being married of Christ! You are His! "Submit" and "be faithful" (Eph. 5:24; Rev. 2:10). — DS



A child's natural reaction when startled, scared, intimidated, overwhelmed or even tired is to run into a parent's arms and bury his/her head in mom or dad's chest. How many times have you seen that? A little boy or girl finding comfort, refuge, peace and rest in the safety and security of the one who is always there and has proven to be the truly trusted and reliable safe haven.

Rethink that first paragraph with a greater and spiritual application. A child of God's natural reaction when startled, scared, intimidated, overwhelmed or even tired SHOULD BE to run into his/her FATHER'S arms and bury his/her head in the Father's bosom. How often do sons and daughters of the Almighty find comfort, refuge, peace and rest in the safety and security of the ONE who is always there and has proven to be the truly trusted and reliable safe haven?!

Look up the over 20 uses of the word "refuge" in the book of Psalms and be encouraged. Then recite, "I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust'" (Psa. 91:2). — DS

My refuge

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Anthioda Charles	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Zula Garrett	recovering from surgery on her back
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Trudie Holland	fell and bruised her ribs
Ophelia Holmes	dealing with a lot of pain from her rheumatoid arthritis
Inell Ingram	Jupiter Medical Center, battling a serious infection
Todd Juckett	Jupiter Medical Center, undergoing tests
Dick Kelley	struggling with chronic infection and severe pain
Maxine McCoy	recovering from knee surgery
Robert Mariano	recovering from hernia surgery
Isolyn Sinclair	had another cortisone shot in her ankle to relieve pain
Amy West	recovering at home from surgery
Henry Williams	fell and fractured his rib

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	



Jeff Leslie & the entire family upon the passing of **Rose Martens** on Sunday, May 12. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, May 21. The visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m.

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
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, waiting on a PET scan
Ruby Tritschler	Misty Hayes' mother, undergoing medical tests





Church Family Calendar of Events

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.

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

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

Saturday, May 25

- ♦ **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.

Sunday, May 26

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.

Sunday, May 26 (cont.)

- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Wednesday-Friday, May 29-31

- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 2-5

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "*Building for God.*" See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, June 2

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Sunday, June 9

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, May 25

- ♦ **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.

Wednesday-Friday, May 29-31

- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 2-5

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "*Building for God.*" See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, July 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Singing Night** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, August 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study & Game Night** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 25

- ♦ **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.

Sunday, May 26

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 2-5

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "*Building for God.*" See Ivan Villard for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ His Kids Camp b Cynthia Ingraham b Melinda Price
2 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ Shepherds Praying a Macener Assad & Juna Dorcely b Juna Dorcely	3 b Sabrina Clayton b Connor Goodale b Daniel Swayne	4	5 b Lance Collier b Haley Hall	6 b Sandy DeVall	7 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Bowling a David & Daisy Lord b Maria Hackshaw	8
"Building for God" Vacation Bible School at PBL (June 2-5)						
9 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying a Stephen & Carolina Beliech b Namdidie Ikon	10 a Bill & Gai Ingram b Kinsey Hayes b Amberdenise Puckett b Phiyona Smedberg	11 b Richard Watson	12 ☆ Summer Series with Kevin Patterson	13 a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins b Taylor Price b Squadeina Ross	14 a Jeff & Diane Leslie	15
Leadership Training Camp (June 12-15)						
16 ☆ LTC Lessons Presented ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying b Ally Alberga	17 b Nyla Hacksahw b Mary Jackson	18 b Dan & Judie Jenkins	19 ☆ Summer Series with Baptiste Joseph a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Judy Carmack b Gwen Lyons	20 a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson	21 a Ivan & Amber Villard b Eddie Gooden	22
23 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon b Israel Cuevas	24	25 b Rodney Woods	26 ☆ Summer Series with Creston Frizzell	27	28 b Reanna Lupo b Cheryl Milton	29 a Johnny & Lauren Singer
30 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying a Edward & Ellen Gager a Ryan & Phiyona Smedberg						

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 12

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, May 20th

Lovetta Harmon

Wednesday, May 22nd

Willie & Mattie Cox (Ann.)

Karly Stone

Thursday, May 23rd

John & Sue Hoelzer (Ann.)

Natasha Campbell-Flores

Tyler Williams

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Sandra Davidson; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Ms. Tamara Langley; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Germaine Noukelak; Ms. Liz Otero; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Yvonne Stubbs; Mr. Chevez Villegas; Mr. Joel Villegas; and Mr. Lazaro Villegas, Jr.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, South Bend, IN; Mrs. Sheri Glazier, Bonita Springs, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David Gooch, Florence, AL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mr. Austin Metzkes, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Ivan & Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; and Audrey, Autumn, Mikaela & Sara Whitworth, Bonita Springs, FL.



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 19

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Stephen Beliech
Singing
Lord's Supper Taylor Reeves
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Serve at Table:

Douglas Alvarenga	Steward Lynch
Ryan Hankins	Tim Mahlbacher
Namddie Ikon	Robert Mariano
Todd Juckett	Nahum Villard
Orlando Lolo	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, May 19

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Troy Alberga
Singing
Lord's Supper Willie Smith
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Ricky Smith

Serve at Table:

John Patrick Trevin Roman

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, May 22

Singing Ricky Smith
Invitation Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Willie Smith

Our Record

Attendance	May 12	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	188	157
Sun. AM Worship	268	256
Sun. PM Worship	84	97
Wed. Bible Study	138	122
Contribution	\$14,767	\$17,459

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,031

Service Coordinator:

Mike Damron

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Tim Fry

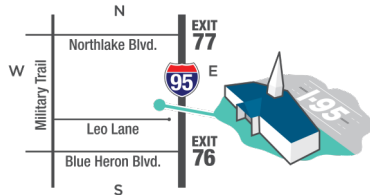
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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: Connor Goodale, Trey Higbee, Kinsey Hayes & Graysen Hayes

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God
with **ALL YOUR HEART** and
with **ALL YOUR SOUL** and
with **ALL YOUR MIND.**

This is the great and first commandment.

MATTHEW 22:37-38