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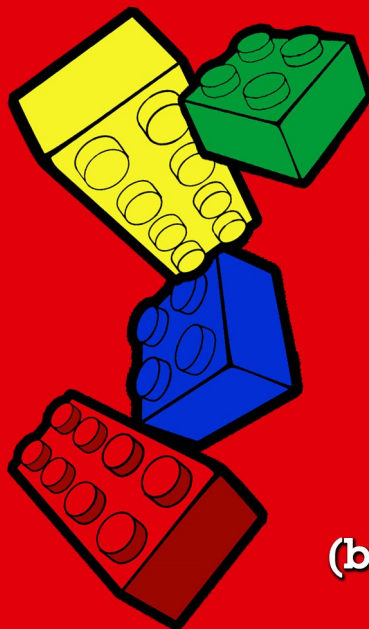
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**BUILDING
FOR GOD**



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
from 6:00 until 6:30 p.m.**

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



By Dan Jenkins

Worshiping Before the Lord

“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully...Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving...For the Lord is the great God...Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker” (Psa. 95:1-6). These words describe the heart of the man whose heart was like the heart of God. David fully understood worship involved coming with hearts filled with joy to sing and shout joyfully and bow down “...before the Lord.”

While we are always before the Lord, the Bible uses the expression “before the Lord” so often in the Old Testament to describe those times where public worship was involved. To see this, note how many times this expression, “before the Lord,” appears *after* the Jews arrived at Mt. Sinai and for the first time there was public worship. The expression is found eighty-two times between Mt. Sinai in Exodus 20 and the new way of worship that is described in detail in Leviticus. God wanted His people to understand the importance of worship and used this expression more than eighty times in just the first year of Jewish public worship. They had to remember that in worship they were “coming before the Lord.”

To see this concept further, look at this emphasized in those yearly feasts of the Jews. “Three times in the year all of

your males shall appear before the Lord God” (Ex. 23:17). Many devout men brought their wives with them. Hannah, the mother of Samuel accompanied her husband. It happened every year (1 Sam. 1:3, 7, 12). She was silently praying “before the Lord” when Samuel rebuked her, thinking she was drunk.

Joseph and Mary both went to Jerusalem every year at the Passover gathering (Luke 2:41). Never overlook that these trips did not involve just a small number. Acts chapter two describes the multitude who were there for the annual feast of Pentecost. Check your Bible maps. They were from Egypt, North Africa, all of Turkey, Arabia, Rome and even from far east of Babylon—they were there because they were devout men who gave so much of their time and money to get there!

Now make the application to your life. The Lord has a table and promised that He would be there to drink of the cup with members of the church, His kingdom (Matt. 26:29). The Bible shows that Jesus is not just at His table, but He is also in the midst of the church and joins in with us as we sing (Heb. 2:12). If the Jews came to that temple to “...worship and bow down...kneel before the Lord” (Psa. 95), how much more are we before the Lord every Sunday?

Have you ever invited someone to your house, and they did not come? Did you miss them? The Lord has invited us to His table every week—what could be more important?

The Lord has invited us to come to eat with Him at His table every week!



By David Sproule

Why Vacation Bible School Is for Everyone...Including You

“*That’s not for me. I’m not going to that!*” So often that is the mindset that some have toward various gatherings and activities of the church. It’s almost as if some have decided that nothing other than Sunday morning worship is for them and nothing will convince them otherwise. Would you be willing to consider a few things for just a few minutes?

Are there some activities that are only for specific people in the church? Certainly. The “Sr. High Devotional” is not intended for every member, but only for our Sr. High youth. The “Ladies’ Day” is not intended for every member, but only for our ladies. The “EDP Bible Study” is not intended for every member, but only for the elders, deacons and preachers. So, in some instances, a gathering may really “not be for me.” But the majority are!

This includes our Vacation Bible School. Some hear about a VBS and automatically dismiss it. “*That’s not for me. I’m not going to that!*” This happens no matter how many times it is announced that “Our VBS is for every person of every age.” While a VBS in another congregation may be designed exclusively for kids, the VBS at Palm Beach Lakes is always for every age. But why?

Every age (including you!) is invited to our VBS be-

cause there is going to be some joyful singing. Some songs (like “Jesus Loves Me” and “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart”) are easy for all to sing. Some songs (like “The Hippo Song”) may be easy for all to sing, but maybe not any more than just sing. But do you know how much better the singing is when there are kids and adults there together and singing together? The kids love seeing and hearing you!

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Every age (including you!) is invited to our VBS because every person needs the encouragement of seeing and being around every other person, including (and especially) our kids. You may think your presence is “not needed” or “not a big deal,” but I assure you that it is. There is an encouragement that is experienced in one’s subconscious (i.e., he is often not even aware that it is happening) when he/she sees others at church events. This is especially meaningful to the hearts of kids, as they are developing their own faith and their own love for the Lord and His church.

Every age (including you!) is invited to our VBS because there are Bible classes happening for all ages! There is an opportunity to study the Bible...together...with other Christians! How valuable and uplifting is that!

Singing. Fellowship. Bible study. Smiles. Energy (of the children). Visiting. Cookies. Bonds. The reasons are endless why Vacation Bible School is everyone...including you!



By Robert Lupo

Is the Way the Only Way?

In the world, there are many religions. Each one of them claims to hold the solution to sin. Some ask their followers to reject sin. Some ask them to be unconcerned about sin. There are even some that ask them to embrace or even celebrate sin. The Bible, however, makes it clear that sin is something of deadly seriousness.

Sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:2). To be more specific, in Romans 6:23, it is revealed that sin carries a death sentence. Sin is any violation of the laws of God (1 John 3:4). If all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23), then we are all in grave danger. Each of us is in a state of separation from God, and therefore, destined for death.

What then is the solution to sin? Continuing in Romans 6:23, Paul reveals that despite our death sentence, God provided a free gift of eternal life instead. Some may hear this news and think, "Well then that takes care of that." But there is more to it.

This eternal life, Paul says, is found "...in Christ Jesus our Lord." In John 14:6, Jesus told Thomas, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." This means that the way to eternal life is found in Jesus.

So, if the way to eternal life is a free gift found in

Christ Jesus, then who does that extend to? Do you need to be a Christian to be saved, or does this gift cover the sins of the world regardless of religion? Many religious leaders wearing the name Christian attempt to make the claim that the way mentioned in John 14:6 is not actually exclusive. They say that though Jesus' wording is singular, there can be many access points to His way. In other words, Jesus' blood cleanses the sin of any who believe in God and seek a moral life. But, this is nonsense.

The only way to the Father is being a follower of Jesus Christ.

In order to justify this explanation, you have to ignore the entire point Jesus was making. The way to salvation is directly connected with following Jesus and no other. Jesus was answering Thomas' question, "How can we know the way?" to the Father (v. 1-5). His answer is inherently exclusive. He says, "...no one comes to the Father **except** through Me." If sin separated us from God, then the only way back to Him is by following the One who knows Him.

The only way to the Father is being a follower of Jesus Christ. We need to know Jesus who knows Him (v. 7-10), believe in Jesus who is in Him (v. 11), and obey Jesus who is loved by Him (v. 15). "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him" (v. 21). Are you following the way of Jesus?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He couldn't wait any longer

The devoted father awoke on that lazy Saturday morning surrounded by his family. His beautiful wife and young children were all lounging in the bed that morning, laughing and giggling and talking about the day ahead. But the father was thinking. Thinking deeply. He'd been putting something off for a long time. Too long.

He picked up the phone and called the preacher where he had attended with his wife for many years. His message was short but clear, "I've been laying in the bed with my family this morning, and I do not want them to be somewhere in eternity where I'm not with them. I need to meet you today and get baptized right away." He was baptized for the forgiveness of his sins that morning and lived the life of a Christian with and before his family.

What about you? Do you have family and friends who are going to be somewhere in eternity where you are not with them? How about making that right today? Don't wait any longer (Acts 22:16)! – DS



Pray every part of this psalm!

It's been 3,000 years since David penned the majority of the book of Psalms, but oh how relevant his words still are today! Have you ever felt the way that David felt in Psalm 56? Could these be your words? "Man would swallow me up...he oppresses me...My enemies hound me all day...fight against me... All day they twist my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil." Have you ever felt that "everyone" and "everything" was against you?

If the words above could be your words, then the rest of the words in Psalm 56 need to be your words, too. Write these words on your heart and then shout them to your God, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?...You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? When I cry out to You, then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me."

Read Psalm 56. Meditate on Psalm 56. Then, pray Psalm 56. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Zula Garrett	Jupiter Medical Center (room 442), going home soon
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Dick Kelley	having outpatient surgery on May 30
Jerry Pittman	awaiting test results and treatment plan
Sherri Richmond	dealing with severe lung pain

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Neva Benjamin	Ophelia Holmes' sister, in the hospital with heart issues
Ricky Johnson	Reanna Lupo's father, has a blood clot from heart attack
John Nash	Rosa Nash's husband, now home from the hospital
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, PET scan on May 31
Ruby Tritschler	Misty Hayes' mother, undergoing medical tests

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	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	

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, 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.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** begins after evening services at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Building for God."*

Sunday-Wednesday, June 2-5

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:00-6:30 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). This year's theme is *"Building for God."*

Monday, June 3

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on June 10.

Tuesday, June 4

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

Sunday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 12

- ◆ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Kevin Patterson will be speaking on "Simon, Simon" - A Call to Return.

Sunday, June 16

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, June 19

- ◆ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Baptiste Joseph will be speaking on "Saul, Saul" - A Call to Conviction.

Sunday, June 23

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

Wednesday, June 26

- ◆ **Summer Series** at 7:00 p.m. with Creston Frizzell.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday-Wednesday, June 2-5

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00-6:30 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). This year's theme is *"Building for God."*

Saturday, July 6

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ◆ **Forever Camp (formerly Jenkins/Blackmer Week)** at CFBC for Age 10-Grade 12. Counselors and staff volunteers are needed. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, August 3

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

Friday, August 16

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, June 2

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume in August.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** begins after evening services at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Building for God."*

Sunday-Wednesday, June 2-5

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Friday, June 7

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Bowling** with West Broward Youth Group at 6:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Boca Raton (21046 Commercial Trail, Boca Raton 33486). Cost is \$25 per person. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 12-15

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Please keep the campers and preachers in your prayers.

STAND *in the* GAP



EZEKIEL 22:30

June

**TO GROW MORE IN MY
FAITH AND DEVOTION**

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 26



Directory Changes

Micky Affron moved to Ocala.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Sandra Davidson; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Ms. Ashley King; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. John Mayne; Ms. Dorothy Pernel; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Mr. Bernard Santini; and Mrs. Trellini Smith.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy & Letha Anderson, Winter Haven, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Walt & Hazel Arthur, Nashville, TN; Mr & Mrs. Billy & Terry Bland, Senatobia, MS; Mr. & Mrs. Kalon & Melissa Brown, Oakland, TN; Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Philippines; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Pete & Kristi Harker, New Market, AL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Brenda McLeod, Tallahassee, FL; Miss Sarah Ramer, Sebring, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Beth Sharp, Gurley, AL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, June 2

Macener Assad & Juna Dorcely (Ann.)
Juna Dorcely

Wednesday, June 5 (cont.)

Haley Hall

Monday, June 3

Sabrina Clayton
Connor Goodale
Daniel Swayne

Thursday, June 6

Sandy DeVall

Friday, June 7

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)
Maria Hackshaw

Wednesday, June 5

Lance Collier



**Each Sunday in June
at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.**

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, June 2

Sermon
Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading James Green
Singing
Lord's Supper Kirk Crews
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Michael Erickson

Serve at Table:
Lance Collier Cristian Suarez
Graysen Hayes Ivan Villard
Jack Holoman Lawrence Williams
Jeff Leslie Marty Williams
Jim Rogers

Sunday Evening, June 2

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Joe Maloney
Scripture Reading Connor Goodale
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Serve at Table:
Jim Davis John Patrick

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, June 5

Singing VBS
Invitation VBS
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	May 26	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	190	157
Sun. AM Worship	258	256
Sun. PM Worship	107	97
Wed. Bible Study	158	122
Contribution	\$18,546	\$17,459

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,202

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

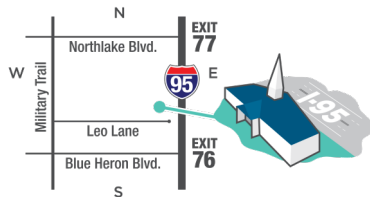
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Islay Rodriguez
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



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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