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 Tim Fry ..... 373-9121  
 Jeff Goodale ..... 261-1188  
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## Welcome New Members



Mayes, Tiffany

Baptized May 23

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By Dan Jenkins

## The Power of His Resurrection

As Paul begins his letter to the church at Rome, he uses words which clearly focus on the resurrection of Jesus. He said that Jesus was "...declared to be the Son of God with power...by the resurrection from the dead" (1:4). In his letter to the church at Philippi, he spoke of his great desire to "...know Him and the power of His resurrection" (3:10). Lives are changed if we never forget that His resurrection empowers us to forsake all for Him.

**Our salvation will never happen until we believe in the resurrection.** Listen to what Paul says about this. "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your hearts that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9). Our souls, our hearts, must believe that God raised Him from the dead. This shows the power of the resurrection.

**The resurrection on the third day is the foundational truth of Christianity.** When Paul used the expression "first of all," it was far more than the "first point" of a paragraph. The Greek shows that of all the truths in the gospel it was first in importance. "I delivered to you first of all...that Christ died....and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:4).

**The resurrection assures that preaching is not vain.**

**Stand and look at the empty tomb and something will happen to you**

Paul said, "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty" (1 Cor. 15:14). There is no need to preach! There is no need to try to get men to come to Jesus. If there is no resurrection, then Jesus is a fraud and the empty tomb is a myth. Yet, Jesus showed the entire world's need when He said to preach the gospel (His death, burial and resurrection—1 Cor. 15:1, 4) to every creature (Mark 16:15).

**The resurrection gives reality to hope and faith.** Look again at 1 Corinthians 15:14 and especially the closing words. "If Christ is not risen then...your faith is also empty." This entire chapter ties the empty tomb to our resurrection to the hope eternal life with Him.

**The resurrection changed Jesus' entire family of Jesus.** Prior to His resurrection, His brothers did not believe in Him (John 7:5). For three decades none of them thought He was the Son of God. On one occasion, "...they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, 'He is out of His mind.'" But less than three years later they were all in the upper room and were part of selecting the apostle to replace Judas (Acts 1:14, 26)! What changed them? Jesus had appeared to James, his oldest brother (1 Cor. 15:7), but His brothers believed the testimony of those who had seen Him.

**The power of the resurrection will change you.** Stand and look at the empty tomb. Something happens to you as you look inside—He is not there! Its emptiness will change you!



By David Sproule

## Where Are the Nine?

Similarities and differences. In any group of people, you will probably find similarities and differences. This is true in a third grade classroom, in a boardroom of executives, on a football field, in a grocery store, etc., etc. This was also true of groups of people that Jesus encountered.

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus met ten men. Now let's consider their similarities and their differences. Similarities: all ten were men, all were lepers, all stood afar off, all asked Jesus for mercy, all were told by Jesus to go to the priests, all went to the priests, all were cleansed of their leprosy, all realized that they were cleansed of their leprosy. Differences: only one returned to Jesus, only one glorified God, only one gave thanks to Jesus, it appears that this one man was a Samaritan and the other nine may have been Jews. What's the point?

First, consider the similarity of the transformation that has occurred in all lives of New Testament Christians. At one time, we all "stood afar off" (Luke 17:12) in our sins (Eph. 2:13). We could not come near because of our sinful choices (Isa. 59:1-2). But, when we called (Luke 17:13) upon the name of the Lord in repentance and baptism (Acts 2:21, 38; 22:16), we were all "cleansed" (Luke 17:14; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:26).

**Which group are you in?**

Like the Ethiopian treasurer, we went on our way rejoicing (Acts 8:39), having our sins blotted out by the blood of Jesus. Our lives were changed immensely and eternally.

Second, however, consider the differences in our responses. As in Luke 17, not everyone who was "healed" of our souls' diseases "returned." Some were baptized, but then went back to their old life, without making much change at all. Some were baptized, but made only a few modifications in their lives, where such were convenient or not overly troublesome. Some became active members of the Lord's body for a while, only to get distracted and fall away later. Some pressed on, kept on seeing that they were continually healed, and they continually returned to glorify God and thank Christ.

Which group are you in? In Luke 17, Jesus questioned, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" (17:17). Are you among the majority (i.e., in the nine) who are likely thankful for what the Lord has done but have other things to do? Are you among the minority (i.e., in the one) who find it more important to be with the Lord and glorify God than any other thing in this life?

In any group in which you will find yourself, there will be similarities and there will be differences. But, ask yourself this question, "Do I share similarities or do I share differences with Jesus Himself?" That is the wise comparison to make!



By Robert Lupo

## What Kind of Christian Are You?

"What kind of Christian are you?" is a question I have been asked countless times. I'm a big fan of the response, "Hopefully a good one." But, this question is asked for a very good reason.

According to Livescience.com, "Estimations show there are more than 200 Christian denominations in the U.S and... 45,000 globally." Is this what Jesus wanted? In Matthew 16:18, Jesus told Peter after his confession, "I will build My church." Notice that He did not say, "churches." Clearly, the Lord only had one church in mind.

Jesus prayed in the garden before His betrayal that those who believe in Him, "be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me" (John 17:23). He is saying that the oneness of the church is itself evidence that Christ was sent by God. So, would the Son of God come to sow division among His followers? Of course not.

Then, the apostle Paul said, "I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10). The church must be one because Christ is one. Paul continues, "Each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,'

or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ.' Is Christ divided?" (v. 12-13). By its nature, the church cannot be divided because Christ is not divided.

So, which church then is Christ's church? The church is the body of His disciples, who observe the pattern demonstrated by Christ and His apostles. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus told His apostles exactly how His church was to be built. He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, 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, if we want to find the church of Christ, then we need to find the church that looks to Christ for authority, baptizes according to Christ, and relies on the doctrines of Christ.

The true church of Christ is found in the Bible. Paul said in Galatians 1:8-9, "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed." We cannot look to any other source. Therefore, Christ's church cannot be found in any manmade dogma, creed, or denomination.

What kind of Christian am I? According to the Bible, there is only one kind of Christian. "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13). I am a Christian of the one true faith.

**The true church of Christ is found in the Bible.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Abortion is not health care

It does NOT matter how you package a lie or even if it is an educated professional who is the one wrapping the package, a lie is a lie and will never be the truth! We are being inundated today with "medical professionals" and government agencies and advocacy groups screaming that "abortion is health care."

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists states on their website: "Facts are very important, especially when discussing the health of women and the American public. The fact is, abortion is an essential component of women's health care." The National Health Law Program (who advances health rights of low-income and underserved individuals) claims, "Abortion is a basic, safe health care service that should be affordable and accessible for all people...Abortion is health care. Period."

A lie is a lie, no matter how it is packaged and who is saying it! Here is God's simple truth: Abortion is first-degree, premeditated slaughter of an innocent victim (Prov. 6:16-17). What about the "care" for the health and safety of one who is "fearfully and wonderfully made" in the "mother's womb" (Psa. 139:13-14)? Every life is precious to God! – DS



### The skillful Weaver

If a Jew had walked up to the entrance of the tabernacle, on its east side, he would have seen a beautiful "screen" covering the front opening that was 15 feet wide and 15 feet tall. The "screen" was made of "blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen" (Ex. 26:36). Even without God adding this in the text, it would have been obvious that the screen was

"made by a weaver." No one would have ever believed that it happened by accident or evolved over millions of years from lower forms of cloth.

The same Hebrew word used for "weaver" in Exodus 26:36; 27:16; 36:37; 38:23; 39:29 is also found in Psalm 139. Inside of his mother's womb, the psalmist knew that he had been "skillfully wrought." That word means, "to embroider, weave colored thread; to do needle-point embroidery."

If no right-thinking person would ever believe that a beautifully-woven curtain could exist without a weaver, how could a beautifully-woven baby (NOT fetus!) exist without being "intricately woven" (ESV) by an all-powerful, life-giving Weaver? Life in the womb is evidence of God's fingers at work! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Judy Carmack</b>	having medical tests done on July 3
<b>Zula Garrett</b>	recovering at home but continues to struggle
<b>Charles Hayes</b>	struggling with several health issues
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	recovering at home from major surgery
<b>Amy West</b>	stepdown room at Bethesda East, slowly improving

## 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 These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Ann Freseman</b>	Nicole Freseman's mother, in the hospital
<b>Roy Knowles</b>	Charlene Knowles' husband, undergoing medical tests
<b>John Lord</b>	David Lord's father, has prostate cancer
<b>Juanita Morgan</b>	Adelene Honore's sister, recovering from surgery
<b>Greg Ryan</b>	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, surgery again soon

## 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 30

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Monday, July 1

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

## Tuesday, July 2

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

## Wednesday, July 3

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Dustin McCrickard will be speaking on "Samuel, Samuel - A Call to Service."

## Wednesday, July 10

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Casey will be speaking on "Absalom, Absalom - A Call of Grief."

## Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ♦ **Forever Camp 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.

## Wednesday, July 17

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Frizzell will be speaking on "Moses, Moses - A Call to Lead."

## Sunday, July 21

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Saturday, July 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Singing Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ♦ **Forever Camp 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. at the home of Trish Clark. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Friday, August 9

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. See Casey Bound for details.

### Saturday, September 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Day Retreat.** Mark your calendar and plan to attend! See Ivan Villard for details.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ♦ **Forever Camp at CFBC** for Age 10-Grade 12. Campers, please register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org). Register before June 29 and get a \$30 discount. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Robert Lupo for more details.

### Saturday-Wednesday, July 20-24

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC** for Grades 9-12. Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org).

### Saturday, July 27

- ♦ **Picnic for Grades 5 & Under** at 4:00 p.m. at the church building. See Ivan or Amber Villard for details.

### Friday, August 2

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout.** Location TBD.

### Sunday, August 4

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing.

# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - July 2024

July 7 <sup>(A)</sup>

July 14 <sup>(C)</sup>

July 21 <sup>(A)</sup>

July 28 <sup>(L)</sup>

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Jeff Leslie	Philip Porter	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scripture Reader	David Lord	Jimmie Banks	Tim Cox	Addison Collins
Presiding at Table	Paul Metzkes	Ivan Villard	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Andres Fernandez Freddie Gadson Bill Ingram, Jr. David Perez Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Kirk Crews Connor Goodale Graysen Hayes Islay Rodriguez Vincent Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez Marty Williams	Troy Alberga Namddie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman Darin Summerlot Tyler Williams	Jordan Beasley, III Ed Buonadonna Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Gary Jenkins David Perez Johnny Singer
Closing Prayer	Gary Jenkins	James Green	Tim Fry	David Holaday

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech	Graysen Hayes	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	David Brown	John Hoelzer	Ricky Smith	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	Jim Rogers	Douglas Alvarenga	Andres Fernandez
Presiding at Table	Eugene Williams	Joe Maloney	Tom Garrison	David Lord
Serving at Table	Jordan Beasley, III Joel Ramirez	Jack Holoman John Patrick	Silas Balfour Sylvester Jackson	Joel Ramirez Daniel Wagner
Closing Prayer	Dan Fuller	Mike Archer	Willie Smith	Darin Summerlot

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Israel Cuevas	Israel Cuevas	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Scott Studer	Edward Gager	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Darin Summerlot	Lawrence Williams	Victor Colage	Dirk Summerlot
Usher	Edward Gager Nahum Villard	Lance Collier Michael Erickson	Stephen Beliech Rick Hall	Chuck Reeves, Jr. Eugene Williams

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 worshiping with us

Sunday,  
June 23

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Judy Bird; Mr. Brian Booth; Ms. Stephanie Flournoy; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Mrs. Melanie Heitman; Ms. Ashley King; Ms. Dorothy Pernell; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Mrs. Trellini Smith.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Butuan City, Philippines; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Phillip Dalton, Zephyrhills, FL; Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr. & Andres III, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Corey & Kelly Hansen, Dallas, TX; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mrs. Joyce Marshall-Blake, Stone Mountain, GA; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mrs. Lacreia Norris, Fishers, IN; Ms. Olivia Norris, Fishers, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon & Corinna Porter, Crestview, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
*This Week*

Sunday, June 30th

Edward & Ellen Gager (Ann.)  
Ryan & Phiona Smedberg (Ann.)

Wednesday, July 3rd

Bethany Leslie  
Julie Watson

Monday, July 1st

Andres & Angelica Fernandez (Ann.)

Friday, July 5th

Rachel Byerly  
Debora Lynch  
Jim Rogers  
Amy West

Tuesday, July 2nd

Ryan & Ola Hankins (Ann.)  
Richard & Debi Watson (Ann.)  
Misty Hayes

Saturday, July 6th

Derrick & Stahia Banks (Ann.)  
Paul & Sonia Davidson (Ann.)  
Jeff Goodale

**It's Boy!**

Congratulations to **David & Skye Brown** upon the birth of their **grandson, Holden Joseph Brown**, born to Shea & Jordan on Wednesday, June 26 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz.

**Thank You Note**

Thank you to all who sent prayers and wrote your thoughtful cards to me during my recent eye surgery. My recovery is going well.

In Christian love,  
Jerry Pittman

## 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 30

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Lord's Supper ..... Richard Watson  
Singing  
Opening Prayer ..... Taylor Reeves  
Scripture Reading ..... Tom Garrison  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Orlando Lolo

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga      Tim Mahlbacher  
Douglas Alvarenga      Robert Mariano  
Ryan Hankins      Nahum Villard  
Todd Juckett      Tyler Williams  
Steward Lynch

### Sunday Evening, June 30

Singing ..... Young Men  
Opening Prayer ..... Young Men  
Scripture Reading ..... Young Men  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Young Men  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Young Men

Serve at Table:  
Young Men

Audio this week: James Green  
Computer this week: Seth Watson  
Video this week: Edward Gager

### Wednesday Evening, July 3

Singing ..... Chuck Reeves  
Invitation ..... Jimmie Banks  
Family Prayer ..... Dan Fuller

## Our Record

Attendance	June 23	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	132	173
Sun. AM Worship	265	264
Sun. PM Worship	103	101
Wed. Bible Study	157	146
Contribution	\$17,184	\$17,140

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,563

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall & Robert Lupo

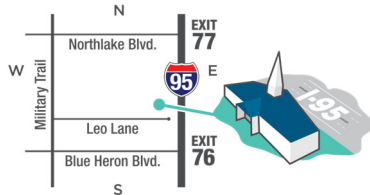
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Namdidie Ikon  
Safety Team for this week: Bob Higbee



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*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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*BLESSED are the*

**merciful**

*for THEY SHALL RECEIVE*

**mercy**

Matthew 5:7