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## Welcome New Members



Bird, Judy

Identified June 30

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

by William W. Walford

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*





By Dan Jenkins

## After a While

It is remarkable to watch the growth of Peter. When this fisherman was first called to follow Jesus, he struggled. Jesus once said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men" (Mark 8:33). You see this struggle as he denied, cursing and swearing that he did not even know Jesus. He serves as an example to keep serving Him and drawing near to Him.

Think of how deeply spiritual these words were that Peter wrote shortly before he died. His first epistle was written to Christians throughout all of Asia Minor where Paul had established churches on all three of his missionary journeys. Read these words to see how much Peter had changed and was now mindful of the things of God. These saints were being heavily persecuted. "But may the God of all grace...after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you" (1 Pet. 5:10). At first Peter was far from being deeply spiritual, but "after a while" he had learned that if you do not give up, God has promised He will change you.

### Perfected, After a While

Peter prayed for those saints to be perfect, "after a while." This Greek word does not mean sinless but emphasizes growth that takes place. It is like a rose bud which has become

a beautiful rose when it reaches maturity. All roses must begin as a tiny bulb. It is used to describe the difference in a daughter who is born beautiful but who grows to truly become beautiful when she is grown. Peter prayed that they might do this!

### Established, After a While

Peter also prayed that these saints would grow so that they could be firmly established in their faith. This is what happened to Peter. He struggled when he began, but he died as a martyr. The longer we follow Jesus the more established we become. This is what changed Peter, and it will change you.

### Strengthened, After a While

The trials of Peter and of those Christians in Asia Minor caused them to grow to be more like Jesus, whose example of suffering and victory becomes an example for us. The storms in our lives cause the roots of our faith to grow deeper, and we are strengthened by them "after a while." This is what happened to Peter.

### Settled, After a While

This word "settled" is the same word Jesus used to describe the house of the wise man. When the winds blew and the rain fell, it stood because it was founded on doing what is right. Do not give up on yourself. It takes a while to build a strong house, but Peter built it and so can we!

**The life of Peter shows just how far we can grow in becoming like our Savior**



By David Sproule

## "But You Would Not"

Sometimes you can set up the greatest of opportunities for someone, having done most of the work yourself and offering them some wonderful benefits, but then they choose to reject your efforts and all that you are providing for them. It doesn't make sense. They are turning their back on the best of opportunities. All you can do is let them go.

If you've ever been in a situation like that, then you can somewhat relate to the many times that God has been in that situation. Consider one example in the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses was getting ready to die, and Israel was getting ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses took the opportunity to deliver a series of sermons to the Jews, to remind them of many things and to challenge them to full obedience to the Lord. In chapter 1, he took them back 40 years to the first time they approached the Promised Land, when they sent twelve spies into the land. Regarding the land that "God is giving us" (1:20), the spies reported, "It is a good land which the Lord our God is giving us" (1:25). Note the very next statement, "Nevertheless **you would not** go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God" (1:26). God was providing a great land, but they **would not** obey.

**How could anyone reject the blessings that the Lord has to offer?**

Moses pleaded with the people to remember all that the Lord had done for them, "Yet...**you did not** believe the Lord your God" (1:32).

Because they refused to take the land and rebelled against the Lord, God punished them and promised that "not one" of them would "see that good land," except for Joshua and Caleb (1:34-36). That seemed to get the people's attention, for then they decided to "go up and fight" (1:41), but the Lord warned them not to go, for He was "not among" them to fight for them (1:42). Moses said, "So I spoke to you; **yet you would not** listen, but rebelled against the command of the Lord" (1:43). Throughout the book, Moses reminded them how they "**would not** obey the voice of the Lord your God" (8:20; 28:62).

How does that apply to us? Consider the first paragraph. God has set up a great opportunity for us, and truly, He has done most of the work Himself and is providing us with countless wonderful benefits, if we will but follow Him. How often could the Lord say of us, "I am giving My love and My blessings to you, **but you would not** obey"? How could anyone reject the blessings that the Lord of Creation has to offer? It doesn't make sense! Yet, we still do. Friends, let's get the "would not" out of our system, and let's strengthen our "go and do"! God is providing us a great land one day!





By Robert Lupo

## Our Father Is a Good Father

What does it take to be a good father? When you consider your own father, maybe you remember him being funny, loving, a hard worker, wise or gentle. Any of these qualities would make an unforgettable dad. But what makes a truly good father?

In 1 Timothy 5:8, the Bible tells us, "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." Then, in Ephesians 6:4, it tells us, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Between these two passages, we can find four qualities of a good father. He **protects** his family, **provides** for his family, **makes rules** for his family, and **disciplines** his family. These aren't just good qualities, but what God expects out of fathers. So, a good father will make these qualities a priority in his life.

However, fathers are not perfect. Sometimes they fail at meeting one, two, or all of these responsibilities. Sometimes a father isn't even present enough to make an attempt. But, there is one father who is perfect in these qualities: our Father in Heaven.

God protects His children. In Exodus 14, God protect-

ed the children of Israel from Pharaoh's men, drowning the army in the Red Sea. Today, our Father protects us. "But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3).

God provides for His children. In Exodus 16, when the children of Israel were hungry in the wilderness, God provided manna from heaven. Our Father provides for us today. Jesus said, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?...' For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (Matt. 6:31-32).

God makes rules for His family. In Exodus 20, God gave the children of Israel the Law of Moses. God made rules for us to live by, too. James 1:25 tells us, "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

God disciplines His children. In Exodus 32, when the children of Israel rebelled and worshipped the golden calf, God disciplined them harshly. God disciplines us today. Hebrews 12:9-10 says, "...we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect...but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness."

Our Father is not just a good Father, He is a perfect Father. Let us strive to be the faithful children He deserves.

**But there is one father who is perfect...**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The "Know Better" family

Have you met the "Know Better" family? It's a growing and rather influential "family"! There are those who "Know Better" than the elders of the church, or the ones who "Know Better" than the nice sandwich-maker at the deli, or those who "Know Better" than the driver still sitting at a green light while a slow pedestrian crosses in front of him.

The "Know Better" family is pretty easy to recognize—their family members all look alike. They are usually the ones questioning every word or action of another, making snide comments on the side, conniving others to their side of things, yelling, honking, etc. And they are often (maybe usually) doing this when they do not have all of the information (but that doesn't matter to them).

Friends, if you are in God's family, then you have no business being in the "Know Better" Family! God's people are humble (Phil. 2:3), patient (2 Tim. 2:24) and kind (1 Pet. 3:8). They practice the Golden Rule (Luke 6:31), give the benefit of the doubt (1 Cor. 13:7) and are never rude (1 Cor. 13:5). Which family are you in? —DS



### God writes prescriptions

Sometimes people will hear about Bible stories, or maybe even read a Bible story without full context, and they will make God out to be some kind of monster. An example of this is the account of Uzzah, who "took hold" of the ark of covenant when "the oxen stumbled," and "God struck him there for his error" (2 Sam. 6:6-7). Why would God do such a thing?

The trouble is that many folks do not put Biblical passages into their Biblical context. There is more to the story, for those who are willing to study it. The record in 1 Chronicles 15 explains, "God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order" (15:13).

The NIV says, "We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way."

Why was Uzzah punished in such a manner for his error? They had NOT checked God's prescription for how to transport the ark (Ex. 25:12-15; Num. 4:1-20). When God writes a "prescribed manner," man should be expected to "consult" it and obey it. That's not difficult to understand! —DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Judy Carmack</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Maria Hackshaw</b>	has been struggling with her health
<b>Charles Hayes</b>	struggling with several health issues
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	recovering at home from major surgery
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	is still dealing with a lot of pain in her ankle
<b>Amy West</b>	is now recovering at home



**Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham**, upon the passing of **their son, Norris Davis**, on Sunday, June 30. The funeral service will be on Saturday, July 13.

**Natalie Perez**, upon the passing of **her father, Peter Villa**, on Tuesday, July 2.

## 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	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	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, eye surgery on July 9
<b>Ann Freseman</b>	Nicole Freseman's mother, now in Waterford Rehab
<b>Roy Knowles</b>	Charlene Knowles' husband, skin cancer removed
<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
<b>Tim Young</b>	Stahia Banks' brother, on a ventilator, not doing well

**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, July 8

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

## Tuesday, July 9

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

## 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 details.

## Wednesday, July 17

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. 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.

## Wednesday, July 24

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

## Saturday, July 27

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

## Sunday, July 28

- ♦ **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home Begins.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by Sunday, September 1.
- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Rachel Byerly & Andrew Jenkins** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Monday-Wednesday, July 29-31

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School hosted by West Broward** each night from 6:30-8:15 p.m. This year's theme is "Jonah: Second Chances."

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

## 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.

## Friday, September 13

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Reanna Lupo. See Casey Bound 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). 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 and time TBD. See Robert Lupo for details.

## Sunday, August 4

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

# STAND *in the* GAP



EZEKIEL 22:30

*July*  
**TO DEFEND THE CHURCH  
OF THE BIBLE**



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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
June 30

It's girl!

Congratulations to **Dan & Loni Fuller** on the birth of their **granddaughter, Eleanor Elaine Campbell**, to Jacob & Lauren Campbell, on Thursday, July 4 weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** This Week

Sunday, July 7th

Ted & Laura Schuemann (Ann.)

Wednesday, July 10th

John Loftis

Sarah Smedley

Monday, July 8th

Paul & Lisa Metzkes (Ann.)

Thank You  notes

Palm Beach Lakes Family,

Thank you for the visits and love shown to our mother during her illness. Also, thank you for the cards, calls, texts and hugs shown to our family after her passing. PBL is a very special group of Christians.

The family of Inell Ingram



**Directory Changes**

**Daniel Johnson** is now in room #403.

## 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, July 7

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Dirk Summerlot  
Scripture Reading ..... David Lord  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Paul Metzkes  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Gary Jenkins

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna     Freddie Gadson  
Addison Collins     Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Mike Damron     David Perez  
Gorman Ericksen     Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Andres Fernandez

### Sunday Evening, July 7

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... David Brown  
Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Eugene Williams  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Dan Fuller

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley, III     Joel Ramirez

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Todd Juckett

### Wednesday Evening, July 10

Singing ..... Daniel Wagner  
Invitation ..... John Hoelzer  
Family Prayer ..... David Lord

## Our Record

Attendance	June 30	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	133	173
Sun. AM Worship	227	264
Sun. PM Worship	113	101
Wed. Bible Study	136	146
Contribution	\$16,982	\$17,140

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,093

Service Coordinator:  
Bob Higbee

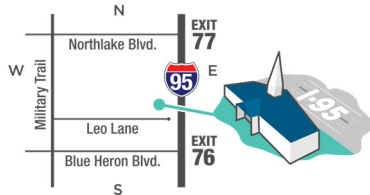
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Nahum Villard  
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



# 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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## 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).