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Welcome New Members



Booze, Selena

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

CHARGE

GIFT

PRAYER

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What could be better?



By Dan Jenkins

An Unchanging Church in a Changing World

When Jesus prayed that all who believed in Him would have the same unity that He had with the Father (John 17:20-21), He revealed that having many denominations would create unbelievers! A simple computer search will show that in America there are between at least 20,000 different denominations. It shows just how little unity exists in “Christendom” today. There is no way this situation is like the unity of Jesus and His Father.

One of the reasons such division is a commonly held practice is to change the church to fit into the mold in our world. Denominations are in great turmoil over the acceptance of transgenders, appointing homosexual clergymen, and the basic organizational structure of the various religions. It is even divided over how to be saved from our sins.

However, the world in which the church entered was even more diverse than our own. Every Gentile region had its own gods and how each god was to be worshiped and served. Even Judaism, which worshiped God, was in turmoil. The Sadducees had decided that God did not want men to believe in angels, eternal souls or the resurrection. The Pharisees had changed ancient Judaism and added their own rules so much that Jesus said they had made God’s commandments void

(Mark 7:9). The Jewish nation had failed to follow God as He had revealed and because of them “...the name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles” (Rom. 2:23-24). They exalted their own religious ideas above what God said.

How did the church adapt to change the first century world? They did not change the church Jesus established. It did not make any difference if they were in Africa, Arabia, Turkey, Asia, Rome, Corinth, Europe or anywhere on the earth. Paul, who traveled and established churches in so many places, said he preached *the same doctrine* in *every church* (1 Cor. 4:17). Corinth had changed the Lord’s supper to be more like pagan feasts, and Paul said they were no longer partaking of the *Lord’s Supper* but your *own Supper* (1 Cor. 11:20-21).

Paul established the church at Ephesus and preached there for three years. What happened when he left? They drifted so far away from what he taught them that Jesus was about to remove His recognition of them as the church of Christ (Rev. 2:1-5). What solution did He give them? It was not to change the church to fit better into the society at Ephesus! It was to repent and return to what they had been taught.

The church in every place should be no larger than what the faithful preaching of the gospel will bring. We are not to change the church but to change the world!

We have no authority to change the church. Our work is to change the world



By David Sproule

“I’m just a passing through”

Picture for a moment the hallway in your high school. Hard concrete floors. Harsh fluorescent lighting. Metal lockers on both sides. Was that the main part or main focus on your high school days? No! It was just a passage used to get you from one place to another.

This is not unlike some trips that you have taken. Maybe you were going to see family or you were going on a vacation. You get in your car and hit the highway for hours and hours. You stop along the way for one night in a hotel or campsite, but the next morning you’re back on the road. Were the travel days your actual destination or the main focus of your trip? No! They were just temporary passage to get you to where you were going.

Those two examples are used to illustrate the nature of your life. Your life is like the hallway in your high school. Your life is like the travel days to go see family. The main focus is the destination, not on the passage to get there. The passageways are essential and must be properly planned and used, but if you get stuck in and only focus on the passage, you’ll never get to the destination.

Now, let’s make the application. Our life is described in Scripture like that of “aliens and pilgrims” (1 Chron. 29:15)

and “sojourners and exiles” (1 Pet. 2:11, ESV). We are merely temporary residents on this earth, for “our days on earth are as a shadow” (1 Chron. 29:15) or “a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (Jas. 4:14). How much focus do we put on a shadow or on a vapor? Our focus is usually on the actual substance.

Where is your focus? Is your primary focus on the here and now of temporary life on this earth (and the word “primary” is key), or is your primary focus on the there and then of eternal life in heaven? Paul said, “We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:18).

We put so much emphasis sometimes on the lives we are living now in our bodies, which are merely “jars of clay” (2 Cor. 4:7), that we neglect “reaching forward” to “press toward the goal” of eternity with Christ (Phil. 3:13-14; 1:21-23). This earthly life is not (don’t misunderstand) unimportant or insignificant. But the life we are living right now has a purpose! That purpose is not to make “provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts” (Rom. 13:14), but our purpose is to glorify God (Isa. 43:7), exemplify Christ for others to see (Gal. 2:20) and win souls to Christ (Luke 4:43). Are you fulfilling your purpose? Are you focused on your eternal goal?

Your life is like the hallway in your high school.



By Robert Lupo

Service Requires Trust

Over the last four years, it has been debated whether or not America has gone through a recession. While there is still a lot of debate on this issue, one look at gas prices or a trip to the supermarket will show that there is a lot of uncertainty these days. To deal with this, many of us are giving much more attention to how we spend our time and money. We are weighing our priorities and cutting out the things we see as less important. Where are we placing our priorities?

In 1 Kings 17:8-16, God tells the prophet Elijah to go to Zerephath where he will meet a widow whom God prepared to provide for him. When Elijah meets her, he does as he was told and asks for water and a morsel of bread.

Then, we learn in verse 12 that this is no small request. All she has left is a handful of flour and a little oil. In fact, her situation is so desperate that she tells Elijah, "I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah understands her apprehension. So, he comforts her with the revelation that God is going to perform a miracle. If she is willing to put her faith in God and serve, she and her son will eat for many days. With great trust, the widow obeyed

Elijah, and God kept His promise (v. 13-16).

As Christians, we have a great responsibility to provide for our families. 1 Timothy 5:8 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." However, we also have responsibilities to the church. In Jesus Christ, we have been given freedom from sin, and God expects us to use our liberty for the church. Paul says in Galatians 5:13, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

While our duty to our families is important, we can't allow our worries to keep us from making time for the church. In many cases, we will sacrifice service to God for things far less important than food. We worry about our kids' grades, sporting events, or recitals instead of worship, devotionals, and service projects. Of course there is nothing wrong with extracurriculars, but some of us treat them like our child's life depends on it.

God has promised each of us to take care of our needs (Matt. 6:25-32). If we want to be useful servants to Him, then we have to trust Him to do so. We need to have faith like the widow from Zerephath who did not withhold anything she had from the Lord. Let's not allow our earthly worries to keep us from being faithful servants of God.

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the church.**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Which would you tear?

During the reign of King Josiah, the Book of the Law was found in the house of the Lord (2 Kgs. 22:8). The book was brought and read before the king (22:10). "When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law" (and realized that its commandments had not been kept), he "tore his clothes" (22:11), in grief and shame over the disobedience of God's people.

Less than 20 years later, there was a new king on the throne named Jehoiakim. The Lord told Jeremiah to "take a scroll" and "write...all the words that I have spoken to you" (Jer. 36:1-2). The scroll was read "in the hearing of the king" (36:20-21), and after "three or four columns" had been read, "the king cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire" (36:23).

There are two reactions to God's Word. It can grieve you to the point that you tear your own clothes (and heart) in repentance or it can convict you to the point that you tear it up to get rid of it. Which one are you? – DS



Praying from A to Z

So often in his letters to his brethren, Paul would tell them that he was "praying always for you" (Col. 1:3), and "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers" (1 Thess. 1:2). He told Timothy, "without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day" (2 Tim. 1:3). He said something similar in nearly every letter.

Sometimes when someone asks us to pray for them, we might respond, "Well, that's the least I can do." But, in actuality, when you're speaking to the Creator and Sustainer of all things about someone, there is nothing better that you can do! That's not "the least"!

While having your own prayer list is a very good practice, may I encourage you to have another list? What if you prayed through your church directory every week or every month? Take a few names or a few pages each day to your Father. It wouldn't take long. What could be better? Maybe do the same thing with the contacts in your phone. Pray each day from A to Z. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jackie Creary	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Carolyn Cullom	recovering from skin cancer surgery on her face
Betty Davis	recovering from an outpatient procedure
Jamie Green	ACL surgery on July 25
Dick Kelley	recovering at home from surgery
David Lord	having a biopsy on a nodule in his abdomen
Sherri Richmond	undergoing medical tests for possible leukemia
Amy West	recovering at home

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic 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



Rosa Nash, upon the passing of her husband, John. The funeral will be in our building on Wednesday, July 31. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral at 11:00 a.m.

Rhona Hayes, the wife of our Charles Hayes, upon his passing on Sunday, July 21. The funeral will be in Alabama on July 26.

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Dick Haines	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, slowly improving
Tom Holaday	Dave Holaday's brother, recovering from a stroke
John Lord	David Lord's father, has prostate cancer
Juanita Morgan	Adelene Honore's sister, recovering from surgery
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
Shane Studer	Scott Studer's son, hospitalized with diverticulitis

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, July 28

- ♦ **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home Begins.** Bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by September 1 and place them in the box in the Lobby.
- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Rachel Byerly & Andrew Jenkins** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at www.theknot.com. Gift cards for Amazon, Home Depot and Wal-Mart are appreciated.

Sunday-Wednesday, July 28-31

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Gifford** each night (Mon-Wed) at 7:00 p.m. Randy Cole Sims will be speaking on "The Full Assurance." See the bulletin board for more details.

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." There will be classes for all ages. Register online at www.wbcofc.org.

Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 4

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Wednesday, August 7

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

Friday, August 9

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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. 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. See Casey Bound for more details.

Saturday, September 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Road Rally.** 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. 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. See Casey Bound for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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." Register online at www.wbcofc.org.

Friday, August 2

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout.** Meet at Osborne Park at 6:00 p.m. to play basketball (715 Prosperity Farms Road, NPB 33408). Then, we will have dinner at the home of Darin Summerlot (100 Riviera Drive, WPB 33404). Please pick up kids at 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 4

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, August 9

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - August 2024

August 4 ^(A)

August 11 ^(L)

August 18 ^(A)

August 25 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Kirk Crews	Richard Watson	David Lord	Johnny Davis
Scripture Reader	Graysen Hayes	Orlando Lolo	Dan Fuller	Michael Erickson
Presiding at Table	Jeff Goodale	Stephen Beliech	Gary Jenkins	Jimmie Banks
Serving at Table	Lance Collier Connor Goodale James Green Jeff Leslie Jim Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez Marty Williams	Troy Alberga Tom Garrison Ryan Hankins Namdide Ikon Todd Juckett Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Taylor Reeves	Jordan Beasley, III David Brown Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Bill Ingram, Jr. David Perez Chuck Reeves, Jr. Johnny Singer Eugene Williams	Kirk Crews James Green Graysen Hayes John Patrick Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Cayden Scriven Cristian Suarez Joseph Snyder
Closing Prayer	Eugene Williams	Tim Cox	Dan McLeod	Jeff Leslie

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Graysen Hayes	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard	Willie Smith	Douglas Alvarenga	Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reader	Joe Maloney	Ricky Smith	Paul Metzkes	Connor Goodale
Presiding at Table	Johnny Davis	Philip Porter	Darin Summerlot	John Hoelzer
Serving at Table	Jack Holoman John Patrick	Nicholas Pietro Trevin Roman	Addison Collins Daniel Wagner	Kameron Heitler Islay Rodriguez
Closing Prayer	John Hoelzer	Victor Colage	Dirk Summerlot	Mike Archer

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Vincent Rogers	Nahum Villard	Daniel Swayne	Lawrence Williams
Usher	Jimmie Banks Islay Rodriguez	Tim Fry Rick Hall	Andres Fernandez Freddie Gadson	Lance Collier Marty Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Rick Hall	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 worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 21

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Huderson Aldonza; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mr. Brooks Feeser; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Joyce Medina; and Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Butuan City, Philippines; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Ms. Sonia Darden, Lithonia, GA; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, South Bend, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Moses Duncan, Tampa, FL; Mrs. Esther Guest, Conyers, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Bryan & Lisa Hayes, Murfreesboro, TN; Mrs. Heather James & Miss Emily James, Burns, TN; Mr. Samuel Markem, Burns, TN; Mrs. Petal Phillips Shaw, Conyers, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL.



Directory Changes

Bob, Jennifer & Trey Higbee are moving to Henderson, TN this week.

Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts placed membership with the Vero Beach congregation.

News&Notes

We are collecting **gift cards for Mount Dora Children's Home** for the month of August. Bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by September 1 and place them in the box in the Lobby.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, July 28th

David & Skye Brown (Ann.)
Joy Cantrell

Saturday, August 3rd

Stephen Beliech
Karen Lester
Allison Roman
Seth Watson
Henry Williams

Tuesday, July 30th

Victor Colage

Wednesday, July 31st

Robert Mariano

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 28

Singing Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Singing
Opening Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scripture Reading Addison Collins
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley, III	Edward Gager
Ed Buonadonna	Gary Jenkins
Mike Damron	David Perez
Gorman Ericksen	Johnny Singer
Freddie Gadson	

Sunday Evening, July 28

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading Andres Fernandez
Singing
Lord's Supper David Lord
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Joel Ramirez Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, July 31

Singing Ricky Smith
Invitation Eugene Williams
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	July 21	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	146
Sun. AM Worship	249	258
Sun. PM Worship	106	108
Wed. Bible Study	129	138
Contribution	\$19,598	\$17,380

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$22,373

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

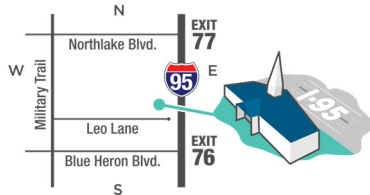
Ushers for this week: Chuck Reeves, Jr. & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot



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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.



Front Cover: **Rodney Woods**

*No temptation has overtaken you
that is not common to man.*

God is faithful,

*and he will not let you be tempted
beyond your ability,*

but with the temptation he will also provide

the way of escape,

that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13