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## August at PBL

August 4

**“His Kids Class” Resumes**

August 7

**Final Lesson in Our Summer Series**

August 11

**Mauricio Yegros Mission Report  
New Members’ Orientation Class  
Back-to-School Ice Cream Social**

August 14

**Teens/Adults Praying and Singing Night**

August 25

**New Adult Bible Classes Begin**



By Dan Jenkins

## Joshua, Moses' Vital Assistant

One of the truly remarkable and great servants of God in the Old Testament is Joshua. The important role he played in God fulfilling His purpose is sometimes overlooked. Had he not accomplished the work he did, the history of Israel would have been so different. We must never overlook how just how vital He was in accomplishing God's plan.

Joshua is first mentioned before the Jews, who had just walked through the Red Sea, ever arrived at Mt. Sinai. They were attacked by the Amalekites, and Moses chose Joshua to be the "General" who lead the Jews in fighting against this enemy (Ex. 17:9).

The next time he is mentioned is as Moses ascended to the top of Mt. Sinai, Joshua is described as Moses' assistant or minister who went with him (Ex. 24:13). Forty days later, as Moses was coming down the mountain, Joshua called Moses' attention to the noise coming up from people worshiping the golden calf (Ex. 32:17). Before climbing the mountain, Aaron and Hur are put in command of the nation, and as Moses departed he said to them that we will come back down to you (Ex. 24:14).

Joshua surfaces again about a year later when twelve spies were chosen to go and bring a report about the promised

land. Joshua was chosen as the representative of the tribe of Ephraim. He along with Caleb were the only two spies who urged the people to immediately enter the land.

The most vital role given to Joshua was when Moses laid his hands on Joshua to give him the Holy Spirit and appointed him to take the leadership role Moses imparted to him (Deut. 31:23; 34:9). Joshua assumed that role and successfully took the land God had promised the Jews. He was part of God completely fulfilling their possession of that land (Josh. 21:43-45).

**Joshua gave the Jews the Sabbath and the land, but not God's true abiding rest**

Joshua had been part of giving the Jews the Sabbath rest and the rest in the Promised Land, but there was another rest God had in mind that Joshua did *not* give them. Hebrews chapter four describes how David (who lived more than 500 years after Joshua) told Israel of another rest that God had in mind for them. It was not just for them but for all of us. "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). Joshua had given the Jews the rest of the Sabbath and the rest in the promised land, but David spoke of another. Our rest is not in the seventh day Sabbath or in Palestine (Joshua had given both of these to the Jews), but Joshua did *not* give them rest that remains (Heb. 4:8). It is the rest awaiting us in heaven, and the Bible urges us to "labor to enter that rest" (Heb. 4:11). This is why we sing, "O land of rest for thee I sigh..."



By David Sproule

## Jesus Is the Wonderful Counselor

The great Messianic prophet Isaiah gives us so many beautiful pictures of Jesus Christ. The prophet himself had to stand in wonder at the things which he wrote, not even fully understanding them himself (cf. 1 Pet. 1:10-12). There were some days of despair and gloom in front of Judah, as not only was Assyria going to capture the northern kingdom, but they would test the southern kingdom, as well. But, beyond these dark days there was coming a glorious day, when the long-awaited Messiah would come! He was going to be "given" by God "unto us," and He was going to reign as King over God's kingdom, bearing all authority "upon His shoulder" (9:6).

In this context of great hope in Isaiah 9, the inspired prophet presents Jesus in four unique ways in verse 6. Some translations place a comma between the words "Wonderful" and "Counselor," but it seems best to follow those translations that omit the comma. The last three titles for Jesus in this verse are compound forms (Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace), so it makes sense for the first title to match and to also be a compound form (Wonderful Counselor). What can we learn from this title?

First, it could easily be stated that everything about Jesus is "Wonderful"! We sing about Jesus being a "Wonderful

Savior." Can you think of a "Friend" more "Wonderful" than Jesus? In this passage, He's the "Wonderful Counselor"!

Literally, Jesus is "a wonder of a counselor." Man—in his finite, sinful and helpless ways—is in desperate need of wisdom. It is laughable to think that man could "become [God's] counselor" (Rom. 11:34), and instruct and teach God (Isa. 40:13-14). Compared to the wisdom and counsel of God, "What is man?" (Psa. 144:3).

**Everything about Jesus is "Wonderful"!**

As our "Wonderful Counselor," who we so desperately need, Christ possesses "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3), and "both the wisdom and knowledge of God" are deep and "unsearchable" (Rom. 11:33). Seeing that it "is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23), the Lord will "direct my steps by [His] word" (Psa. 119:133; cf. Prov. 3:5-6), for He "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3).

As our "Wonderful Counselor," He will "not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" (Matt. 6:13), for He will always "make the way of escape" (1 Cor. 10:13). When we pray, our "Wonderful Counselor," "make[s] intercession" for us before the throne of God (Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1).

Our Lord "is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance" (Isa. 28:29), when we trust Him and dig into His Word! How *wonderfully* blessed are we to have His counsel!



By Robert Lupo

## Living Like You Were Saved Yesterday

Do you remember the day you were saved? For some, that was not very long ago. For others, that may have been decades ago. But, if you picture that day, what do you remember about how you felt once you came up out of the saving waters of baptism?

I can clearly remember how I felt. Immediately I was overcome with the feelings of joy and relief. I knew that I was no longer guilty of the sins I committed. I was a new creation in Christ Jesus. I was like Paul in Acts 9:20 when, "...immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues saying, 'This man is the Son of God.'" I was excited to take the Lord's Supper for the first time. I was excited to serve in the church, and I was excited to tell all of my friends about it. I was on fire for the Lord. Was it the same for you?

The zeal we felt on that day is unlike anything we will experience in our lives. Do we still have it? As the years go on, we may change congregations, struggle with sins, experience trials and heartaches, or become complacent. For many, it may not be that long before the zeal we once had dwindles. Friends, we can get our zeal back!

In Revelation 2, the church in Ephesus had the same issue. On one hand, Jesus praises their work. They are patient,

they do not bear those who are evil, and they were exposing false teachers (v. 2-3). But Jesus tells them, "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (v. 4). What was the church lacking? What does it mean? The answer lies in Jesus' command for them, "...repent and do the first works..." (v. 5).

Do we realize that our love and zeal for God are directly tied to our works? James 2:26 tells us that faith without works is dead. Our spiritual health depends on our works. This is why the Hebrews writer commands us to, "...consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25).

So, then what are the first love and first works of a Christian? The love is what we learned when we were saved. "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). That love moves us to do the first works: sharing the gospel with any who will listen. What was Paul's response to being saved? "Immediately, he began to proclaim Jesus."

If your zeal has been lacking, then you need to restore your first love. Spend some time reflecting on the love Christ showed you and start living like you were saved yesterday.

**Friends, we can  
get our zeal  
back!**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### That's an easy one to dismiss

So, you read through lists of sins in the Bible, and some of them you easily dismiss, perhaps thinking, "That's not an issue for me. I'm not tempted by that at all. That's in there for other people." Perhaps we should take just a moment to do a quick introspection on one.

In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, along with the fornicators, adulterers, homosexuals, etc., God lists "idolaters." In Revelation 21:8, along with the sexually immoral and sorcerers, God lists "idolaters." In Revelation 22:15, along with murderers, God lists "idolaters." Look at the list in Ephesians 5. Along with the fornicator, impure person and those who engage in foolish talking, God lists "idolaters." But in this passage (as in Colossians 3:5), God identifies who He is talking about. Read the full paragraph. God is not talking about "idolaters" who bow down to stone or wood images. He identifies the "idolater" as the "covetous" person (Eph. 5:5).

Friend, are you greedy? Do you have a tendency to want more (and more)? God says that being covetous is being an "idolater." Maybe that's not so easy to dismiss! – DS



### "Devised in his own heart"

Jeroboam was a devious and divisive character in the Old Testament, perhaps best known for dividing the nation of Israel and becoming the first king of the northern kingdom. Among his first acts as king were major changes that he made to the worship of the Lord. Go and read about these in 1 Kings 12:25-33.

These changes came about when "Jeroboam said in his heart..." (12:26). The verses that follow detail changes that HE made to the object, location, time, manner and leaders of the worship. All of these changes were enacted as he "devised in his own heart" (12:33).

As you read these nine verses, it is hard not to ask the question, "Who gave him the right to make such changes to the worship?" The answer is that no one gave him such a right. He just did what "his heart" desired, and such was an abomination before God. What does that tell us about our worship today? We have no right to change what God has prescribed! Let us truly "worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Jackie Creary</b>	recovering from knee replacement surgery
<b>Carolyn Cullom</b>	recovering from skin cancer surgery on her face
<b>Jamie Green</b>	recovering from ACL surgery
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	still dealing with numerous health issues
<b>David Lord</b>	having a biopsy on a nodule in his abdomen
<b>Pat Patterson</b>	recovering from surgery on her feet
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	undergoing medical tests, many health issues
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	dealing with severe pain in her ankle

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic 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

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, slowly improving
<b>Tom Holaday</b>	Dave Holaday's brother, recovering from a stroke
<b>Rickey Johnson</b>	Reanna Lupo & Halle Johnson's father, arthritis pain
<b>John Lord</b>	David Lord's father, has prostate cancer
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues
<b>Danny Rogers</b>	Jim Roger's brother, under Hospice Care
<b>Greg Ryan</b>	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments

**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, August 5

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on August 19.

## Tuesday, August 6

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

## 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. 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.

## Sunday, August 11

- ♦ **Mauricio Yegros Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Sunday, August 11 (cont.)

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class at 9:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings, drinks and ice cream scoops. This will be a fun time of fellowship as we begin a new school year!

## Wednesday, August 14

- ♦ **Praying & Singing Night** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

## Sunday, September 1

- ♦ **Deadline to Bring Gift Cards for Mount Dora.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### 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.

### 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.

### Saturday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

### Monday, October 7

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, August 4

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

### 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.

### Sunday, August 11

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### Wednesday, August 14

- ♦ **Praying & Singing Night** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

# STAND *in the* GAP



EZEKIEL 22:30

*August*

**TO ENCOURAGE BRETHREN  
WHO MIGHT BE OVERLOOKED**

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
July 28



We rejoice with **Calissa Hodges** who was baptized on Friday, July 26. She is listed in the directory with her mom, Lisa Eutsey.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Monday, August 5th

Roy & Charlene Knowles (Ann.)

Friday, August 9th

Lauren Singer

Tuesday, August 6th

Lena Gadson

Saturday, August 10th

Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)

Paulette Cole

Wednesday, August 7th

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)

Kirk Crews

Loretta Holaday

Dan McLeod

Paul Metzkes

Cody Price

Thursday, August 8th

Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)

Mary Porter



**Directory Changes**

A **NEW Church Directory** is now available! June Pack will be passing them out in the Lobby on Sunday.

## 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, August 4

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Kirk Crews  
Scripture Reading ..... Graysen Hayes  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Jeff Goodale  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Cayden Scriven
Connor Goodale	Joseph Snyder
James Green	Cristian Suarez
Jeff Leslie	Marty Williams
Jim Rogers	

### Sunday Evening, August 4

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Ivan Villard  
Scripture Reading ..... Joe Maloney  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Johnny Davis  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... John Hoelzer

Serve at Table:

Jack Holoman      John Patrick

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Todd Juckett

### Wednesday Evening, August 7

Singing ..... Chuck Reeves  
Invitation ..... Robert Lupo  
Family Prayer ..... Dion Hayes

## Our Record

Attendance	July 28	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	131	146
Sun. AM Worship	240	258
Sun. PM Worship	105	108
Wed. Bible Study	140	138
Contribution	\$14,669	\$17,380

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,589

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

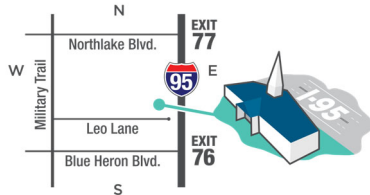
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Islay Rodriguez  
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



# 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.

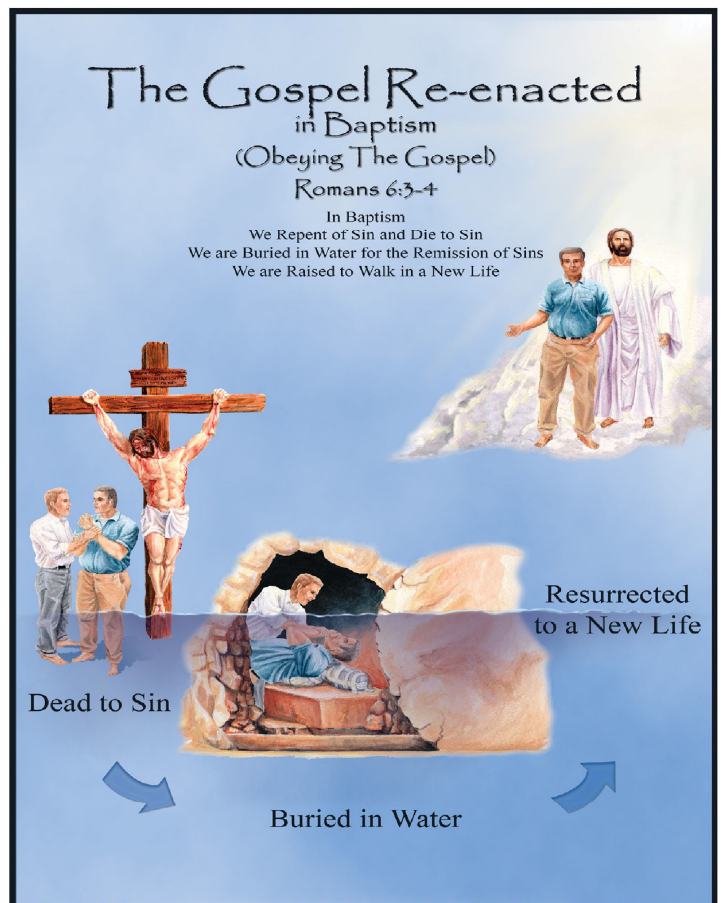
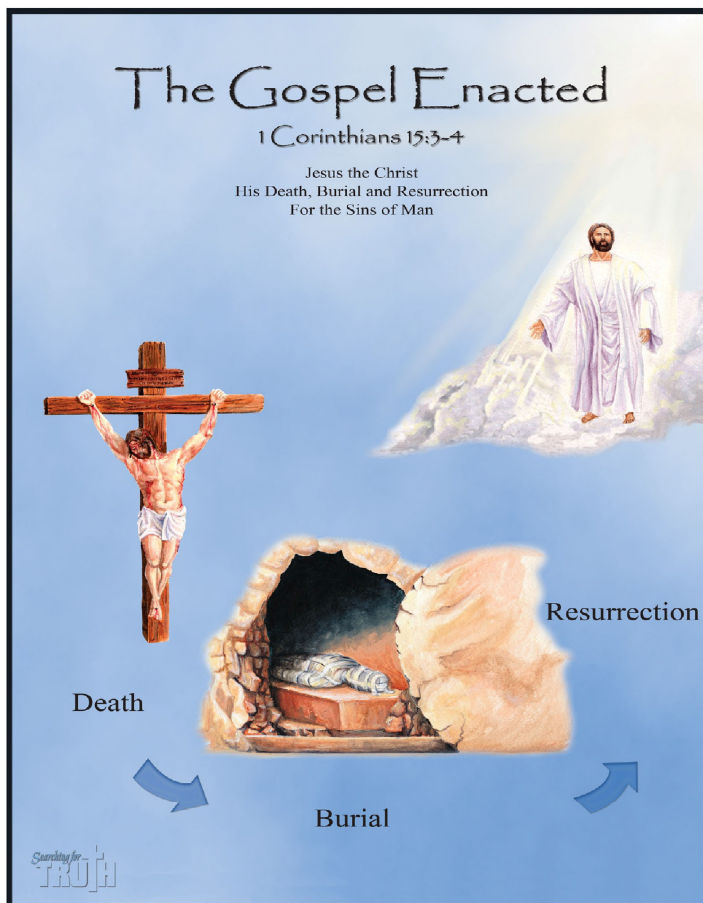
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.



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