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Welcome New Members



Hodges, Calissa

Baptized July 27



Galvez, Bryan

Baptized August 4

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY





By Dan Jenkins

Help, My Child Wants to Be Baptized!

One of life's greatest joys is to be part of teaching your children about our Father and His Son. As you do this, keep in mind that God did not give the primary responsibility to learn about God to the church but to you as a parent. I am so thankful for Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes, but every son and daughter needs far more than these classes. God gave your children to you, not to the church, and He holds you responsible to "...train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov. 22:6). What is so often overlooked is the New Testament's instructions to "...bring them up in the training and admonitions of the Lord" is given to fathers and not to mothers (Eph. 6:4). If your son or daughter is not learning about God, it is not your wife's fault!

However, the greatest joy in being a parent is when your child first asks about baptism. Hopefully he or she has seen your joy every time someone is baptized in the assembly. Hopefully you have talked about it in the car after you leave worship and what a special moment they have just witnessed. Sometimes children as early as kindergarten age will bring up the subject. Parents sometimes are surprised and may be ill equipped as how to respond. I remember one of my children before he was seven expressing his concern about dying in a flight from New Zealand back to America because he said, "Oh,

no! I haven't been baptized." He had been thinking far deeper than I thought he was at such a young age. What do you say when similar events happen in your life?

I remember one mother whose son in his early teens asked about baptism and she responded, "No, you are not ready to be baptized because you don't even keep your room clean." That was a wrong response for that mother did not keep her house clean! He was not baptized then or later. Wisdom dictates that regardless of the age when the topic arises parents should express thankfulness that their son or daughter is thinking about these matters. This thankfulness does not mean you always give approval of the topic, but it is such a great joy to know they are thinking about spiritual matters.

Years ago, I heard an older preacher say, "Baptism is a birth and if a person does not know where babies come from, he does not know enough to be baptized." I do not agree with him for knowing biological reproduction is far different from knowing about creating a spiritual relationship with God.

How should a parent respond when these special moments happen? Next week, we will give suggestions about how a parent should respond. It is an important moment, and you should think about how you will respond before it ever comes. More next week!

"You cannot be baptized until you learn how to keep your room clean"



By David Sproule

Jesus Is the Everlasting Father

The title of this article may throw you off a bit. In fact, you may read the title and believe that error is being espoused. How could Jesus be said to be the "Father"? "That's just not right," someone might say.

The title "Everlasting Father" is from Scripture. It is found one time in Isaiah 9:6. In that text, the Messianic prophet is looking ahead to a brighter time in history when "unto us a Child is born," who will reign "upon the throne of David and over His kingdom"—a kingdom of which there would be "no end" (i.e., everlasting) (9:6-7). In articles over the last two weeks, we have considered Jesus as the "Wonderful Counselor" and "Mighty God," and the text also calls Him the "Everlasting Father." What does that mean? How can Jesus be called "Father"?

First, consider that the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus is everlasting. He is not some "created being," as some would suggest. The first verse of the gospel of John affirms that Jesus always (the Greek imperfect tense indicates continuousness) "was God." And God (remember, Jesus is "God") is "from everlasting to everlasting" (Psa. 90:2), for He "inhabits eternity" (Isa. 57:15). Jesus is the ever-existing one, the great "I AM" (John 8:58). There is a clear prophecy of the coming of Christ in Micah chapter five, foreseeing that He would be born

in Bethlehem Ephrathah (5:2). Of the Christ, Micah revealed that the "goings forth" of this "Ruler" are "from of old, from everlasting." Truly, Scripture teaches that Jesus is eternal.

Why does Isaiah call Him, "Father"? Consider two truths. First, Christ brought everything into existence from nothing. He is the Creator of all things (Col. 1:16-17; John 1:3)—thus, it could be said that Christ "Fathered" everything and everyone into existence, making Him its "Father."

Christ "Fathered" everything and everyone into existence

Second, the emphasis of "Father" is not merely upon Christ as the source or cause of all things, but more especially of His fatherly care for His people. Seeing that Christ was the active agent in Creation of all things, do you suppose that He then stopped caring for, providing for and protecting His people, who desperately need Him? Later Isaiah said, "You, O Lord, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name" (63:16; cf. 64:8). David described Him in the psalms as a "father of the fatherless, a defender of widows" (68:5), and "As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him" (103:13). Yes, Jesus "Fathered" all things into existence, and even now, through His tender care, "In Him all things hold together" (Col. 1:17).

Jesus is forever a Father to His people—caring for them (1 Pet. 5:7), guarding them (Psa. 34:7), supplying their needs (Psa. 37:25). He is tender, like a loving father would be.



By Robert Lupo

Who Is Like You, O Lord?

After the defeat of Pharaoh's army in Exodus 15, Moses and the children of Israel sang to praise the Lord for His unchallenged victory. We call this chapter The Song of Moses. In verses 1 through 10, they sang of the defeat of the Egyptians in the Red Sea. Then, from verses 14 through 18, they sang confidently of the Lord's future victories over the Canaanites and the fulfillment of His promises.

These stanzas bookend verses 11 through 13. While the other sections were written in the past and future tenses respectively, 11-13 is in the present tense. The crossing of the Red Sea gave them a new understanding of the relationship between themselves and God. What can we learn from this section of song?

In verse 11, Moses and the children of Israel sang, "Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Is there any one like our God? His majesty far exceeds any false god imagined by man. We simply cannot imagine a being like our heavenly Father. We imagine gods like ourselves, capable of some good but flawed. Like us, we imagine them given to selfishness, lust and cruelty. But our God is infinitely kind, merciful and powerful (cf. Joel 2:13).

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Then, in verse 12 they sang, "You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them." With the Lord as our God, we do not need to fear any man or power. We can confidently go and proclaim His gospel knowing that He can overcome any force. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:12, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Last, they sang in verse 13, "You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation." Just like the children of Israel, we too have been redeemed by our God but to an even greater promise than what is spoken here. Through Jesus Christ, the home we look forward to is one not made of hands (cf. 2 Cor. 5:1). We have not been redeemed from earthly bondage but from the bonds of sin. By the grace of God, anyone who puts on Christ and faithfully obeys His word has the promise of eternal life in heaven. Jesus said, "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:28-30).

Who is like our Lord? No one is! In Him, we have a kind, loving Father, a supremely powerful ally, and the promise of eternal life. Let us give Him our unique devotion and praise.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

You may not be able to stop

The car that you own has 46,885,247 parts that can break and need to be replaced. (Well, not really, but it feels like that sometimes, doesn't it?) So, it is fairly easy to tell the mechanic, "No, I don't want to do that suggested maintenance." But most of the suggested maintenance is designed to keep your car running for a longer time and, more importantly, to keep you safe.

What if your mechanic kept telling you at every service call, "Your brake pads are metal on metal and your brake fluid is nearly empty," but you kept saying, "It's ok. The car still stops"? What would eventually happen? You know. At some point, your car will not stop.

The Christian life is not unlike that. The Lord wants us to do regular maintenance on our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-11), on our Christian works (Tit. 2:14; 3:8, 14), on our relationships (Rom. 12:10-21). Without regular maintenance (cleaning, growing, strengthening, doing, etc.), what would eventually happen with our Christian walk? It would stop! Let's follow our Maker's suggested maintenance in His user's manual! – DS



Do you have your Manufacturer's filters installed?

The service representative that you're talking to on the phone didn't make the policies that you're upset about. The cashier at the store didn't decide the prices or what's on sale. The front desk clerk at the hotel is not the one who failed to clean your room properly. The restaurant worker taking your order is not responsible for the company's app not working.



It's amazing how easily we can get upset with people today and how easily we can "take it out" on the wrong people (or "take it out" on anyone at all!). The devil gets a kick out of it every time that we do! But, fellow Christian, let's be very careful! When we feel our ire getting irked, we need to run our emotions and our thoughts through the Luke 6:31 filter, the 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 filter, the Ephesians 4:26-32 filter, the Philippians 2:3-5 filter, the 1 Peter 2:20-23 filter.

Do you have these filters installed? Why are you taking a devil's anger out on souls made in the image of God and worth the blood of Jesus? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jackie Creary	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Jamie Green	recovering from ACL surgery
Adelene Honore	dealing with eye issues
Mary A. Jackson	surgery on her hand, cataract surgery on August 20
Dick Kelley	still dealing with numerous health issues
Sherri Richmond	undergoing medical tests, many health issues

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Diana McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mom, recovering from hospitalization
Antonio Marion	Anthony Marion's brother, surgery on his left arm
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
Kathy Widner	Brandan Widner's mother, leg wound is not healing

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

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, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

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

Saturday, August 24

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

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.

Sunday, September 8

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

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, September 14

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.
- ♦ **Teacher Appreciation Banquet** for our teachers of children and adult Bible classes at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Please RSVP to the office.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's theme is *"Modesty of a Christian Woman."* Please RSVP by August 31. See the bulletin board for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship!



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, August 18

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on August 25.

Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.

Sunday, September 8

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

Friday, September 13

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ☆ Deadline: Gift Cards for Mount Dora ☆ His Kids Class b Jordan Beasley, III	2 b Ashley Alfaro b Johnny Davis b Owen Miley b Jessica Ramirez b Nahum Villard	3	4 a Gary & Doris Friedly b Marty Williams	5	6 a Sincere & Emily McCall b Derrick Banks	7 ☆ Young Adult Road Rally b Bill Ingram, Jr. b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner
8 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Trinity Frank b Verdell March	9 b Jennifer Walker	10 b Debi Watson	11 a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss	12 b Darin Summerlot	13 ☆ Ladies & Lattes	14 ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon ☆ Teacher Appreciation Banquet ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens b Josh Blackmer b Taylor Hayes
15 ☆ Friends & Family Day with David Powell	16 a Justilien & Adelene Honore b Peggy Hall	17 b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes b Sadie Myrie	18 b Marcia Kelley	19 b Justilien Honore	20	21
22 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo b Luann McLeod	23	24 a Johnny & Betty Davis b Sabrina Swayne	25 b Paul Davidson b Dan Fuller	26 b Betty Davis b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers	27	28 b Graysen Hayes
RUSH Weekend at FHU: Grades 8-12 (September 26-29)						
29 ☆ His Kids Class b Judy Bird b Angelica Fernandez b Bobby Shelton	30 b Calissa Hodges					

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 11



We rejoice with **Richard Weinsten** who was baptized on Wednesday, August 14.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Huderson Aldonza; Mr. Nathan Cox; Mr. & Mrs. Cris & Alice Cuevas; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young Di-Netta; Miss Adrienne Elliott; Ms. Mary Beth Hester; Mr. Maxwell James; Mr. Don McClintock; Ms. Liz Otero; Ms. Dorothy Pernel; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Mr. Richard Weinsten.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders, AR; and Mrs. Crystal Sucher, Panama City, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, August 18th

Benny Rodgers
Melissa Shaw
Deboria Walker

Thursday, August 22nd

Nicole Freseman

Monday, August 19th

David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann.)

Friday, August 23rd

Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)
Skye Brown
Vita Chery
Tom Garrison
Cristian Suarez

Tuesday, August 20th

Josiah Blackmer

Saturday, August 24th

Sandi Hanna
Turkessa Staley

Wednesday, August 21st

Josie Dawson
Bettye King

Priority #1:
*Getting Our Children
to Heaven*

Sunday, September 15

Friends & Family Day with David Powell

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 18

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer David Lord
Scripture Reading Dan Fuller
Singing
Lord's Supper Gary Jenkins
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dan McLeod

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley, III David Perez
David Brown Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Ed Buonadonna Johnny Singer
Gorman Ericksen Eugene Williams
Bill Ingram, Jr.

Sunday Evening, August 18

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Singing
Lord's Supper Darin Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Addison Collins Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, August 21

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Robert Lupo
Family Prayer Willie Smith

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 11	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	185	151
Sun. AM Worship	302	247
Sun. PM Worship	136	106
Wed. Bible Study	130	130
Contribution	\$17,169	\$16,326

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$24,030

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Freddie Gadson
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



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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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).