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# Assurances for Christians *from First John*

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By Dan Jenkins

## The Path to True Wisdom

The serpent said, “God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3:5). Eve was in the “Garden of God” and was surrounded by the evidence of His existence. She was naïve and learning so much as she lived in that garden.

The opportunity to be like God was given to her. She looked at the tree that was “...good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise” (Gen. 3:6). She yielded to the temptation to be like God and have His wisdom. Tragically, this is the way sin entered into the world God created. The blessings of Eden were ruined, and Adam and Eve were separated from the God of all wisdom.

Three thousand years later there was a young man who became king of Israel. Solomon had just offered a thousand burnt offerings, and God offered to give the son of David whatever he asked. Solomon said, “I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in...therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart...that I may discern between good and evil” (1 Kgs. 3:5-9). God gave him this wisdom and said, “I have given you a wise and understanding heart so that there has not been anyone like you, nor shall any like you arise after you” (1 Kgs. 3:12). Truly Solomon became the wisest man who ever lived.

“God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding...Thus Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all men...for he was wiser than all men” (1 Kgs. 4:29-31). It was not just wisdom about spiritual matters but about trees, animals, birds, creeping things and of fish. “He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs were one thousand and five...And men of all nations, for all the kings of the earth...came to hear the wisdom of Solomon” (1 Kgs. 4:32-34). He was the wisest man who ever lived.

**A man is foolish  
who never takes  
time to read the  
words of the  
wisest man**

That wisdom did not end with the death of Solomon, for he wrote three books of the Old Testament (Prov. 1:1; Ecc. 1:1; Song of Solomon 1:1). Solomon “...was wise...he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs...and what was written was upright—words of truth. The words are like well-driven nails...and further my son, be admonished by them” (Ecc. 12:10-12).

So let me urge you to spend time reading the words of this great man. However, do more than just read them. Write them on your heart and let his proverbs guide you in the choices you make in life. Do not be like Solomon who after writing them failed miserably in applying them to his life. Remember this proverb especially: “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecc. 12:13). You can be wiser than Eve or Solomon!



By David Sproule

## That Prayer List in the Church Bulletin

Every church bulletin that I have ever seen includes some kind of “Prayer List” within its pages. That fact alone is interesting—why do all churches find it appropriate, needful and effective to publish a list of names for which the church to pray? Is it simply to have something that takes up some

space in the bulletin? Or is there a greater purpose?

Having a prayer list in the bulletin is an expedient way to fulfill the command in Scripture to “pray for one another” (Jas. 5:16). How can we effectively pray for one another? We need a list of names—a church bulletin and even a church directory help to provide that. And if there are specific needs, then we have a focus to which we can give those prayers.

Having a prayer list follows in the footsteps of the apostle Paul. Scripture does not specify that Paul kept a list, but when you read his letters, he constantly says to congregations and to individual Christians that he is “always...making mention” of them in his “prayers” (1 Thess. 1:2). Did he have a good memory to recall all of those, by name, for whom he was praying? Or did he keep a list? A list helps us to pray like Paul.

When we pray for those brethren in the church bulletin, we are doing the very best and the most powerful thing

that we can do for them—we are talking to the God of heaven, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, about a specific person, and drawing His powerful attention in his/her direction. What could be better than that? The “prayer of a righteous man avails much” (Jas. 5:16, NKJV). It “has great power as it is working” (ESV). That power, first and foremost, is the power of God to respond to our requests (Eph. 3:20-21).

**An expedient  
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“pray for one  
another”**

When we pray for those brethren in the church bulletin, it has great power for the one for whom we pray. Paul told his brother Philemon, “I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you” (Phile. 22). Paul told the Corinthian brethren that the Lord had delivered him and “will still deliver us,” through their “helping together in prayer for us” (2 Cor. 1:10-11). Prayer makes a difference in the lives of others.

But, also, when we pray for those brethren in the church bulletin, it has great power for the one who is doing the praying. It helps us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of others. It helps us to learn the members of the church, perhaps leading us to look some of them up in the church directory to see who they are. It helps us to draw closer to our brethren, as we lift their names before our Father and even share with them that we prayed for them.

Prayer is powerful! Using that prayer list in the church bulletin “has great power [for all of us] as it is working.”



By Robert Lupo

## Are Your Friends Keeping You from God's Blessings?

Who wants to be blessed? I think that would be an easy "yes" for most people. After all, who wouldn't want to receive the favor of the God of the universe? However, the God who blesses those He wills is just as capable of cursing those He wills (cf. Gen. 12:3). So, how do we make sure that we will receive God's blessings?

We know that all of God's blessings are found in Christ Jesus (cf. Eph. 1:3; Gal. 3:14; John 1:16), and we know that remaining in Christ is a matter of behaving like Christ. "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). So, if we want to receive God's blessings, then we need to guard ourselves from being turned back to the behavior of the world.

One of the primary methods Satan uses to turn us from God's favor is through bad influences. If we want to fit in with a group, we naturally tend to adapt to their behaviors. So, if we choose the wrong group to mesh with, we will inevitably adapt to the wrong behaviors.

In the First Psalm, we are shown some ways to know if we are in a group that leads to God's blessings or cursing. The psalmist tells us about a man who is blessed and the things

he does and doesn't do. Interestingly, all the things the blessed man doesn't do have to do with the people he surrounds himself with. If we want to be blessed like this man, then we need to do three things.

First, do not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Where do you go for advice? 1 Corinthians 15:33 tells us plainly, "Bad company corrupts good habits." We need to be picky about who we listen to. If someone is living an ungodly life, then you cannot expect them to point you in a godly direction. Don't lose your blessing over bad advice.

Second, do not sit in the path of sinners. Who do you spend your time with? 2 Corinthians 6:14 says, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?" We need to be picky about who we spend our time with. If we spend our days with immoral people, it is only a matter of time before we start participating in their sins. Don't lose your blessing for popularity.

Third, do not sit in the seat of the scornful. What do you talk about with friends? Ephesians 4:29 tells us, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification..." If catching up on "the tea" seems to always be part of your hangouts, then you are already sitting in the seat of scorn. Do not lose your blessing over juicy gossip.

Are your friends keeping you from God's blessings?

**Don't lose your blessing for popularity.**

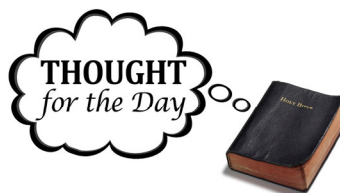
## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### It never runs out!

Think of the things in your life that tend to "run out." The gas in your car is always running out. The supplies in your house of food, paper goods and cleaning products are always running out. What about your energy level? Running out? What about your patience level? Running out?

The reality is that even your days on this earth are running out. David described our days as being "like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone" (Psa. 103:15-16). "But" (the first word in the next verse), do you know something that is NOT running out?

"But," instead of running out, "the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him...who remember His commandments to do them" (103:17-18). God's "lovingkindness" (NASB), His "steadfast love" (ESV) does NOT run out...like everything else in your life! You can count on it to always be there for you, as you continue to need it so desperately on a daily basis! What a thought! – DS



### What if today was "that day"?

Do you ever look up at the sky and wonder, "Will today be the day that Jesus comes back?" Do you ever look up at the sky and pray that today will be the day that Jesus comes back? One day it will be "that day." Oh, what will that be like?

His return will be sudden and unexpected. People did not know the flood was coming "until the flood came and took them all away" (Matt. 24:38-39). Jesus will come "at an hour you do not expect," just like a "thief" does not post "what hour" he is coming (Matt. 24:43-44). Exciting!

He will return "with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God" (1 Thess. 4:16). That will get your attention! Everyone will see Him coming (Acts 1:11). "All" of the dead will "hear" His voice and come out of the graves (John 5:28-29). Then, every person will be taken from this earth (1 Thess. 4:17; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:10). Exciting!

Are you ready? What if today was "that day"? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Lucy Bond</b>	dealing with health issues
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	showing some signs of slow improvement
<b>Joyce Parker</b>	dealing with several health issues
<b>Betty White</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Henry Williams</b>	dealing with ongoing eye problems
<b>Samuel Williams</b>	undergoing rehab



**Maxine McCoy upon the passing of her brother, Jim McCoy, on Monday, October 28.**

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic 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>Barbara Coe</b>	Linda Coe's mother, struggling with Alzheimer's
<b>Heath Johnson</b>	Reanna & Halle's brother, issues with his leg after surg.
<b>Chuck Reeves, Sr.</b>	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
<b>Greg Ryan</b>	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, continues to improve
<b>Terry West</b>	Amy West's father, Hospice Care at Bethesda East

**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, November 3

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Monday, November 4

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on November 11.
- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Tuesday, November 5

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume on November 12.

## Wednesday, November 6

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

## Thursday-Sunday, November 7-10

- ♦ **28th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is *"Assurances for Christians from First John."*

Thursday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
(Please bring drinks & desserts for the Corn Roast)	
Sunday, Nov. 10	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Bible Class</b>

## Sunday, November 10

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Sunday, November 17

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Monday, November 4

- ♦ **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.

### Sunday, November 10

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

### Monday, December 2

- ♦ **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.

### Thursday, December 5

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, November 3

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

### Monday, November 4

- ♦ **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.

### Sunday, November 10

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

### Wednesday, November 13

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible Study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 17. There will be drinks and snacks. See Robert Lupo for more details.

# New Bible Classes for Adults



**SUNDAY MORNINGS** at 9:00 A.M.

**(Nov. 3 - Jan. 5)**

**Auditorium (Dan Jenkins):**

## **Lessons from First-Century Congregations**

*Knowing the nature of the church in the first century helps us understand precisely how that same church should be in the twenty-first century. This study is an overview of many of those congregations and looks at the unique situations each of them faced. What is truly remarkable is that while there were cultural differences they were the same because Jesus truly was their Lord.*

**Adult 1-2 (David Sproule):**

## **Second Corinthians (Part 2)**

*The heart of the apostle Paul is laid open in this intensely personal letter to the brethren in Corinth. His ministry, his apostleship and his authority had been attacked by some Jewish teachers, and the apostle now needed to spend time defending himself, lest the gospel (which he loved and preached) should suffer. This is both a comforting and a severe letter from Paul.*

**Adult 3 (Kirk Crews, Taylor Reeves & Ivan Villard):**

## **Young Adults: Encouraging Young Adults (Part 2)**

*Do you need to be encouraged? Join our group discussion to learn more about the book of Hebrews, which was written to Christians who were "drifting." Their drifting led to them being discouraged. Together, we will study and discuss how the Hebrews writer encouraged these Christians...and how those same words of encouragement apply to you and me today!*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** at 7:00 P.M.

**(Nov. 13 - Jan. 8)**

**Auditorium (Richard Watson):**

## **The Miracles of Jesus**

*In today's culture, the word "miracle" is misused to describe an extremely unusual event or accomplishment. This class will study select miracles performed by Jesus and will have a two-fold purpose. We will develop lessons that will bring us closer to our Lord as well as an understanding of the supernatural event that ultimately serves the purpose of confirming the Word.*

**Adult 1-2 (Dan Fuller):**

## **Lord, Make Me a Servant**

*Jesus said, "But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matt. 23:11). Every Christian is on a journey. One of the most fundamental things we aim at is to serve God. This class will explore the attitude of a servant, the servant mentality, and how to be a servant leader. We will learn to put "self" behind us and glorify God in all we do.*

## **NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

### **1 & 2 Thessalonians**

**(Robert Lupo & Kirk Crews)**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

### **The Church of Christ**

**(Robert Lupo & Darin Summerlot)**

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
October 27

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Carey Daniels; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Evelyn Green; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Margaret Pujals; and Mr. Joshua Tull.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Gary Bee, Westland, FL; Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Jennifer Higbee, Henderson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Rachel Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; and Mr. Jim Kesling, Caulfield, MO.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Monday, November 4th  
Phil Porter

Thursday, November 7th  
David & Natalie Perez (Ann.)  
Idara Ikon

Tuesday, November 5th  
Brent Leslie  
Maxine McCoy

Saturday, November 9th  
Malita Robinson

Wednesday, November 6th  
Trudie Holland



**MOUNT DORA**  
**CHILDREN'S HOME**

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**GIFT CARDS**

Thank you to everyone who brought gift cards for Mount Dora Children's Home! We were able to collect over \$1,200 to send to them. Your generosity and kindness for the kids is greatly appreciated!



**Saturday night,  
November 2**

Set your clocks back  
one hour.



**Shepherds  
Praying**

Our shepherds will be praying each Sunday in November at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are encouraged to come and pray with them.

### 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, November 3

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Lord's Supper ..... Phil Porter  
Singing  
Opening Prayer ..... Victor Colage  
Scripture Reading ..... Taylor Reeves  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Tim Cox

#### Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins      Steward Lynch  
Namddie Ikon      Tim Mahlbacher  
Sylvester Jackson      Rick Price  
Orlando Lolo      Tyler Williams

#### Sunday Evening, November 3

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Richard Watson  
Scripture Reading ..... Joe Maloney  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Stephen Beliech  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Tom Garrison

#### Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga      Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

#### Thursday Evening, November 7

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Invitation ..... Glenn Colley  
Family Prayer ..... David Sproule

### Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 27	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	130	157
Sun. AM Worship	253	278
Sun. PM Worship	122	120
Wed. Bible Study	115	134
Contribution	\$15,202	\$15,997

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$18,018

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

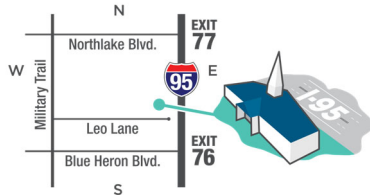
Ushers for this week: Tim Fry & Rick Hall  
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



# 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•  
PURE IN HEART  
•FOR THEY•  
SHALL SEE GOD

MATTHEW 5:8

