

Shepherds

Dan Fuller.....685-4454
*Paul Metzkes.....870-8042
Phil Porter575-4782
Richard Watson.....307-2608

**Chairman for the Month of November*

Evangelists

Dan Jenkins379-2325
David Sproule.....301-2230
Robert Lupo315-1411

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Victor Colage.....719-1490
Lance Collier.....985-4407
Kirk Crews339-9283
Mike Erickson.....310-9916
Tim Fry373-9121
Jeff Goodale261-1188
Rick Hall622-5131
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Welcome New Members



Carolyn Preston

Identified November 17

New Adult Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (THRU JAN. 5)

Lessons from First-Century Congregations

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Second Corinthians (Part 2)

David Sproule (Adult 1-2)

Young Adults: Encouraging Young Adults (Pt. 2)

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M. (THRU JAN. 8)

The Miracles of Jesus

Richard Watson (Auditorium)

Lord, Make Me a Servant

Dan Fuller (Adult 1-2)



By Dan Jenkins

Conquerors of Death

Satan deceived Eve about death and since that time he tried to use death to lead men away from God. What happens to a person when he dies was not readily apparent in the Old Testament. When Job asked, "If a man dies, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14), he expressed how little was known about death before Christ came. In fact, Job in that same chapter said, "Man dies...he breathes his last and where is he?" (v. 10). References to the resurrection are vaguely found in the Old Testament, but it is in the New Testament that Christ "...abolished death and brought life an immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10).

The writer of Hebrews described this truth and how drastically Jesus changed mankind's view of death. Jesus became flesh in order that, by His death, "...He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (2:14-15). Without His resurrection, we too would look at death so differently. This lack of knowledge about death could so easily overwhelm us when our loved ones die. Without His resurrection, we would have a fear of death, and that fear would be used by Satan to bring us under the bondage of fear. Jesus was born; Jesus died; Jesus was raised. We are born; we die; we will be raised!

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Put yourself in the place of Cain, Adam and Eve. Abel had been alive, and something so strange had happened. Where was Abel? They knew where his body was, but was that lifeless body all there was to man's existence? There are ten generations from Adam to Noah, and nine times the Bible uses the expression, "and he died," to describe man's existence on the earth.

The one exception to describe the end of Adam's descendants is in the seventh generation. "So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him" (Gen. 5:23-24). At that time, men lived over nine hundred years, and some might have said about Enoch, "He died so young."

Look at this realistically. What a hopeless view of living nine hundred years where every day of your life you dealt with a cursed ground, its thorns and thistle and spent every day dealing with the sweat of your face until your body returned to that cursed ground (Gen. 3:17-19).

Before Enoch left, he said, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all...who are ungodly" (Jude 15). This is one glimpse of the resurrection in the Old Testament. How blessed we are to know about His empty tomb and face death without any fear! We are more than conquerors over death (Rom. 8:36-37)!



By David Sproule

Worthy vs. Unworthy

With the growing egocentric and entitled mentality that is spreading throughout humanity (and creeping into our families and the Lord's church), we would do well to go back and meditate on the words of the great John the Baptist, of whom Jesus said, "there has not risen one greater" (Matt. 11:11). This forerunner of Jesus—of whom the Holy Spirit prophesied hundreds of years before his birth that he would prepare the way for the Lord (Matt. 3:3; Isa. 40:3)—proclaimed of Jesus, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose" (Mark 1:7).

How lowly must one be to not even be worthy to "loose" the sandal strap of another or even to "carry" it (Matt. 3:11)? Interestingly, there are not many details found in all four gospel accounts, but this statement from John the Baptist is recorded by each of the gospel penmen (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:7; Luke 3:16; John 1:27). What should that tell us about the significance of this admission?

The words perhaps remind us of the centurion in Capernaum, who said to Jesus, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You" (Luke 7:6-7). Here was a Gentile military officer, who was captain

over one hundred Roman soldiers, and yet, he did not deem himself worthy to even be in the presence of Jesus.

Sometimes we start to "think more highly" of ourselves than we "ought to think" (Rom. 12:3), and we need to be reminded that in our relationship with Christ, there is only One who is worthy! The entire host of heaven ("many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands," Rev. 5:11) are continually shouting around the heavenly throne (as if with a "megaphone"), "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12). Do we remember that the Lamb "was slain" for us? Do we realize how unworthy we are of His love, His care, His attention, His blood, His promises?

Before we begin to think that we are entitled to the blessings that we have in Christ, let us remember that we were once like that prodigal in Luke 15. When he finally "came to himself" (as you and I once did), he got up, went to his father and humbly said, "I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (15:18-21). No, we are not worthy either! But, thanks be to God that He does not measure our worthiness in the way that we deserve but through the prism of His love! Truly, He is worthy of all praise, honor and service we can give to Him!

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By Robert Lupo

What If He Really Did Call 10,000 Angels?

"Ten Thousand Angels" has been a beloved hymn for sixty-five years. In fact, it has always been one of my favorites. It is hard to find a better song to put into perspective the tremendous personal sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The song is based on our Lord's statement in Matthew 26:53, where He rebukes Peter, saying, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?" The hymn takes us step-by-step through the physical and emotional tortures Jesus endured, though at any time, He could have called 10,000 angels to halt His suffering. It is a beautiful expression of the incredible obedience, mercy, and love shown by our Lord.

Now, have you ever considered, "What if Jesus really did choose the angels instead of the cross?" What would have happened to mankind? The answer helps us truly appreciate the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice.

When you think of angels coming to rescue Jesus, the story of Elisha against the Syrians in 2 Kings 6 might come to mind. The city in which Elisha was residing was surrounded by the Syrians. One of Elisha's young servants became fearful, but

when Elisha prayed that his eyes would be opened, he saw an army of angels on their side. "And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (v. 17). What a sight that must have been! Had the Syrians seen such a force, they would have run away in fear. Had Jesus called the angels, mankind wouldn't stand a chance against them. But, the reality of that choice is far more terrifying.

If Jesus called 10,000 angels, there would be nothing to satisfy God's wrath against sin. If "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23) and "...the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), then our reward should be eternal punishment (2 Thess. 1:9). But, "...God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ..." (1 Thess. 5:9).

Thanks be to God that Jesus did not call 10,000 angels. Because Jesus did give Himself to die in our stead, we have hope. We have hope for those who die in Christ (1 Thess. 4:13). And we have hope for our own salvation. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (1 Pet. 1:3).

He could have called 10,000 angels. But, He didn't. He died alone for you and me. Let us live as those who have hope.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Are you looking for Rahab?

Sometimes when we are consciously trying to see souls around us and look for prospects for the gospel, we may be so focused on a certain "kind" of people that we may neglect to see those whose level of receptivity is actually open to the Word. Consider for a moment the two spies who went into Jericho.

Who would have thought that Rahab—a prostitute in the city of Jericho—would have been the one who was ready to receive God's people and demonstrate a faith in "the LORD your God," who "is God in heaven above and on earth beneath" (Josh. 2:11)! It would have been so very easy to overlook Rahab.

May we learn a lesson to not put souls into categories but to see the desperate need of each one for the saving power of the gospel! While many in our world have turned their back on any kind of faith, there are still honest, searching hearts who are craving to know about God and be right with Him! Let's not overlook the Rahabs! – DS



The magnet of heaven

According to a quick web search, the world's most powerful magnet is located in Tallahassee, Florida, at Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. This superconducting magnet has a strength of 45 tesla, which, according to the experts, is over 400,000 times stronger than the Earth's magnetic field. For comparison, an MRI machine typically operates at 1-3 tesla. But, as powerful as the pull of this magnetic field is, it has zero effect right now on any metal or electronics that I own, as I am not close to it at all. But, I would imagine, as with any magnet, the closer you get to it, the stronger the pull.

That reminds me of how our relationship with God works and how heaven works. When I'm not close to God, then there's not much of a pull there. But, the closer I get to Him, the greater the draw is to be with Him more now, and the pull of eternity in heaven with Him is almost uncontainable. How close are you to God? How strong is the pull of heaven and your "desire" to go there (Phil. 1:23)? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Stephen Beliech	recovering from second cataract surgery
Eva Fulton	dealing with an infection in her foot
Jeff Goodale	recovering from an outpatient procedure
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering at home but is still struggling
Joan Holloway	Jupiter Medical Center, infection and respiratory issues
Ophelia Holmes	undergoing tests on her lungs
Lynne Jorgensen	having an outpatient procedure on December 11
Dick Kelley	showing some signs of slow improvement
Joyce Parker	dealing with several health issues
Henry Williams	dealing with ongoing eye problems

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
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

Kaia Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie's granddaughter, respiratory infection
John Lord	David Lord's father, stage 4 prostate cancer
Diana MacArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, pacemaker surgery
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, continues to improve

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 24

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January 2025.

Wednesday, November 27

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All classes will meet in the Family Room for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

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. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange, too. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ **"Connected: Parenting in the Digital Age" with Joe Well.** These lessons will address the subject of parenting in this digital age and keeping our children safe online. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 10

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Lunch** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins for anyone who has ever attended Monday or Tuesday Class. Bring a dish to share.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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Friday, December 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Saturday, December 7

- ♦ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. There will be food, games and more! See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Saturday, December 14

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. See Robert Lupo for details.

Tuesday, December 31

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lock-in** from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Bring \$5 for food. Chaperones are needed. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, January 12

- ♦ **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.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - December 2024

December 1 ^(A)

December 8 ^(A)

December 15 ^(L)

December 22 ^(C)

December 29 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Dan Fuller	Kane Campbell	Robert Mariano	Paul Metzkes	Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reader	Paul Metzkes	Islay Rodriguez	Richard Watson	Andres Fernandez	Jeff Goodale
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Goodale	Tim Cox	Dan McLeod	Jeff Leslie
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Rick Hall Bill Ingram, Jr. Gary Jenkins David Lord Cristian Suarez	Lance Collier Casey Crews Connor Goodale Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Lawrence Williams	Troy Alberga Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Trevin Roman Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Bill Ingram, Jr. Gary Jenkins Chuck Reeves, Jr. Cristian Suarez	Lance Collier Kirk Crews Michael Erickson James Green John Patrick Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder
Closing Prayer	Dan McLeod	James Green	Taylor Reeves	Dan Fuller	Ivan Villard

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Douglas Alvarenga	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry	David Lord	
Scripture Reader	David Brown	Graysen Hayes	Philip Porter	Daniel Wagner	
Presiding at Table	Darin Summerlot	Ivan Villard	Ricky Smith	Douglas Alvarenga	
Serving at Table	David Perez Daniel Wagner	Jack Holoman John Patrick	Todd Juckett Joe Maloney	Edward Gager David Perez	
Closing Prayer	Daniel Swayne	Mike Archer	Stephen Beliech	Darin Summerlot	

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Dirk Summerlot	Vincent Rogers	Victor Colage	Daniel Swayne	Lawrence Williams
Usher	Mike Damron Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jimmie Banks Marty Williams	Rick Hall Nahum Villard	Freddie Gadson Dirk Summerlot	Kane Campbell Islay Rodriguez

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Eugene Williams Robert Lupo (PM)

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,
November 17



Directory Changes

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, November 25th

Sue Hoelzer
Halle Johnson
Cecilia Washington

Tuesday, November 26th

Orlando Lolo

Wednesday, November 27th

Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.)
Gary Friedly
Islay Rodriguez, Jr.

Thursday, November 28th

Mike Damron
Aaron Ross

Friday, November 29th

Aaron & Jennifer Walker (Ann.)
Regina Paul

Saturday, November 30th

Brad & Krystian Dubuisson (Ann.)
Andres Fernandez

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mr. & Mrs. Brandon & Andrea McElroy; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Miss D.L. Moore; Miss Holly Petsel; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Ms. Dara Ryan.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Austin Metzkes, Brentwood, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. John & Darlene Wheeler, Rockport, TX.

Thank You  notes

To Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want to express our heartfelt feelings of love and appreciation to each of you for all your prayers, thoughtfulness, cards, and text messages given to us during this time of dealing with serious health issues. Your thoughtful and caring attitude truly was and continues to be a great inspiration to us. May God continue to bless each of you as you continue to be a blessing to others for Him.

Dick & Marcia Kelley

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I love the church of Christ that meets at Palm Beach Lakes as you love Christ. Thank you for showing your and His love in your prayers for Quintel. They worked!

Willie Smith

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 24

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

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Tim Mahlbacher
Tim Fry	Taylor Reeves
Ryan Hankins	Nahum Villard
Steward Lynch	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, November 24

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Trevin Roman
Singing
Lord's Supper Victor Colage
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Ricky Smith

Serve at Table:

Joe Maloney Richard Weinstein

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, November 27

Singing Thanksgiving
Invitation Thanksgiving
Family Prayer Thanksgiving

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 17	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	137
Sun. AM Worship	231	246
Sun. PM Worship	95	108
Wed. Bible Study	116	119
Contribution	\$16,270	\$16,122

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,003

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Robert Mariano
Safety Team for this week: Namdidie Ikon



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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: Maria Hackshaw teaching Cradle Roll Class (Student: Kirklee Fuller)

CONNECTED PARENTING FAITHFULLY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



SPEAKER:
JOE WELLS



SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8

