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MISSION SUNDAY 2025

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**Every dollar given will be used
for PBL Mission Work.**



**May God bless us,
use us & be glorified in us!**





By Dan Jenkins

You Have Come to the Heavenly Jerusalem

As discussed last week, the estimated value for the cost of all materials in the temple Solomon built is \$240,381,000,000. King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed that “Eighth Wonder of the Ancient World,” and we tend to lose sight of worship in the temple. When Babylon fell, the Jews returned to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel and built a new temple. They even brought vessels from the first temple.

We do not have room in this article to give the details, but humanly speaking, it was almost nothing compared to Solomon’s temple. Instead of using those magnificent cedars from Lebanon, it was built with wood locally found. There is a sense in which Solomon’s temple was a “temple of gold” and the second temple was a “temple of wood.” God used the prophet Haggai to deliver this message to the Jews. “Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified” (Hag. 1:8).

God then said to the Jews of Haggai’s day, “Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing” (Hag. 2:3). Humanly speaking, a temple of wood is not worthy to be compared to a temple of gold. God saw in the new temple far more than the Jews did. He said,

They saw only a temple of wood, but God saw in it a far greater temple

“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former” (Hag. 2:9). God saw in that temple of wood how it would lead to the coming Jesus (described as the “Desire of All Nations” in verse 8), and there would be a new temple filled with heavenly glory. Those Jews only saw a temple of wood, but God saw in it the seeds of the Messiah and His temple!

The temple they saw is mentioned in verse three, but God looked at it with heavenly insight and in verse nine spoke of a far greater temple—the Messianic Temple. Bible students should never overlook the six verses separating these two views.

The Holy Spirit quotes those six verses in Hebrews 12. Read them first in Haggai and then read the application in the New Testament. The Desire of All Nations had come and figuratively His coming and His continuing presence had shaken heaven and earth. The tabernacle was built at Mt. Sinai (mentioned in verse 18). “But you have come to Mt. Zion...the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem to...the church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven” (vs. 22-23).

They saw a temple of wood, and God saw the glorious church. Read Paul’s words carefully. “To Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever. Amen” (Eph. 3:21). To this we add our own words, “Amen and Amen!”



By David Sproule

You’ve Been Bought!

How do you pay for something that you purchase today? Who do you pay? When do you pay? Where do you pay? The answer, I suppose, depends on what the product or service is and who is making the purchase. Consider how much variation there is in paying for something today.

WHO do you pay? You might pay one person at a restaurant window, and then another person gives you what you paid for. You might pay a bank for a product that is given to you by a company.

WHEN do you pay? You may pay before you receive the product in a pre-order. You may put it on layaway, and make payments before receiving a product. You may purchase on credit, and make payments after receiving a product.

HOW do you pay? You could use cash, you could use a check, you could use a credit card. You could pay in-person or online. You could barter and exchange some good or services for what you want.

Systems and methods of payment vary so much that often questions must be asked to determine the exact who, what, when, where and how, in order to make sure it is done right. What does that have to do with anything spiritual?

He did not look for a clearance rack or a coupon!

The Bible talks about Jesus making a purchase. Did you know that Jesus bought something? First, He “redeemed His people” (Luke 1:68) “from every lawless deed” (Tit. 2:14) “to God” (Rev. 5:9). When and how did He do that? Second, which is identical with the first, He “purchased” His “church” (Acts 20:28). When and how did He do that?

The currency that Jesus used was not any “corruptible things, like silver or gold” (1 Pet. 1:18). No, what He “gave” in this purchase was “Himself” (Tit. 2:14). “He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28)—His “precious blood” (1 Pet. 1:19).

Jesus did not use a credit plan or a layaway plan. He paid in full in “the death of the cross” (Phil. 2:8). Truly, “you were bought at a price” (1 Cor. 6:20)—the steep price of “the blood of His cross” (Col. 1:20).

Stop and reflect for a moment. That is how valuable you are to Him! He did not look for a clearance rack or a coupon! He gave all that He had to save your soul! Why would He do that? The simple answer is: He loves you! “His great love with which He loved us” (Eph. 2:4) is a hard thing to fathom, and the blessings we receive are just as unfathomable.

So, what should we do with this information? You no longer belong to yourself! You belong to Him, by right of purchase! “Therefore,” here it is, “glorify God” (1 Cor. 6:20).



By Robert Lupo

Sincerely Wrong

A couple years ago, I made a new friend. In no time at all, we grew close and so did our wives. When my birthday came along, he wanted to surprise me by giving me my favorite cake. So, after we finished dinner, he revealed a big, beautiful, coconut cream cake. There was only one problem. I hate coconut! Apparently, I once expressed my disdain for the tropical fruit, but it was misremembered as deep love. We all had a good laugh, and I ate the cake anyway, because I knew he was sincerely trying to give me something I love.

Sincerity is a valuable trait. When someone's actions are guided by an honest heart, we tend to feel admiration and understanding toward them, even if they are wrong. But, how far will sincerity carry you when it comes to spiritual matters?

Throughout the world there are hundreds, if not thousands of denominations teaching doctrines that are contrary to the Bible, but for the majority of them, they are not intentionally trying to be at odds with God. They sincerely believe in what they teach. So, many will wonder, would God really condemn people who were honestly trying to please Him even if they are wrong?

First, we must see that the Bible is clear that denomi-

nationalism is unbiblical. The Bible teaches that there is only one church. "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism..." (Eph. 4:4-5). Furthermore, the Bible shows us that the church cannot be divided on doctrine. Paul writes, "Now I plead with you, brethren...that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). So, if a church teaches doctrines that are contrary to the Scriptures, then it is in opposition to the one church that Jesus died for (cf. Acts 20:28; Eph. 1:22; 5:23).

Second, we must see that the Bible is clear that the Lord will not tolerate false teaching. He warned us in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 that false doctrines would come about and that many would fall prey to them. In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus tells that it is not an excuse. Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven... And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

If we think that God will overlook false doctrine, we are sincerely wrong. There is only one church that will save. If we let our admiration of sincere religion blind us from this uncomfortable truth, many sincere people will be sincerely lost.

**...how far will
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comes to spiritu-
al matters?**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The beginning of GREAT things

Don't you love new beginnings? Fresh starts? There is none GREATER than when one obeys the gospel and becomes a child of God. We often call the moment when someone is "baptized into Christ" (Gal. 3:27), "The GREATEST decision of his/her life," because it is. When one dies to sin and is buried into His death, there is no event GREATER than being "raised" to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:2-4).

So many things could be said to be GREAT about that beginning: one secures "so GREAT a salvation" (Heb. 2:3), becoming a recipient of "exceedingly GREAT and precious promises" (2 Pet. 1:4), being blessed to "have a GREAT High Priest" in Jesus Christ (Heb. 4:14), who has issued to us His GREAT Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16), and giving us "confidence" of that "GREAT reward" (Heb. 10:35).

Have you experienced that new beginning? That fresh start? If not, why not do it today? Did you experience that beginning some time ago? Do you need to refresh it today? The Christian life is truly the GREATEST life! – DS



Serving two masters never works

In the *Star Wars* saga, Anakin Skywalker struggled between two masters – his Jedi Master and his Sith Master, Emperor Palpatine. For a time, he tried to serve both the Dark Side and the Light Side (i.e., the Force). Ultimately, he yielded to Darth Sidious, being deceived that it would save his wife, Padme. That proved to be his ruin.

Obviously, this is fiction. But, it is a modern parable that proves Jesus' words to be absolutely true: "No man can serve two masters" (Matt. 6:24). Sometimes we try to serve "both sides." We try to make God happy and the world happy (represented in our choice of friends, our choice of activities, our choice of priorities, etc.).

Emperor Palpatine is a creative depiction of how the devil works—"cunning" (Gen. 3:1), "crafty" (2 Cor. 11:3), "deceitful" (Rev. 12:9). But yielding to the devil will ALWAYS be a losing decision for you! "Do not," under any circumstances, "give the devil an opportunity" (Eph. 4:27)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	undergoing therapy on her knee following surgery
Dan Jenkins	has three broken ribs
Todd Juckett	recovering at home, surgery postponed
Betty King	recovering from a stroke, slowly improving
Pat Patterson	recovering from cataract surgery, next one on Jan. 29
Jackie Stout	dealing with severe chronic back pain



The family of Joyce Parker who passed away on Tuesday, January 21. Joyce was part of the PBL family for over 50 years. A Memorial Service will be planned at a later date.

John Judd, upon the passing of **his brother, David Judd**, on Tuesday, January 21.

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	Leigh Puckett
Dick Haines	Maurine Reed
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Sharon Banks	Derrick & Jimmie Banks' sister, diabetes complications
Rudy March	Verdell March's husband, having a brain scan on Jan. 28
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, heart complications
Linda Smith	Jermaine Smith's mother, recovering from cancer surg.

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, January 26

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. *Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!*
- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children (Stepping into the Bible, Semester 13), teens and adults.
- ♦ **Report on Apologetics Press from Eric Lyons (Executive Director)** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

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

Saturday, February 1

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet** hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. RSVP to Robert Lupo.

Monday, February 3

- ♦ **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, February 9

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

Friday-Sunday, February 14-16

- ♦ **PBL Family Camping Trip** at Brownsville Park in Acadia, FL. Cost is \$35 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby. All members are encouraged to enjoy this time of fellowship and camping. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, February 16

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, February 22

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, January 31

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the Collier's home. See Ivan Villard for details.

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Saturday, March 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, January 26

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children (Stepping into the Bible, Semester 13), teens and adults.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after morning worship in the Family Room. Bring a potluck dish to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, February 1

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet** hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants (no holes). RSVP to Robert Lupo.

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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - February 2025

February 2 ^(A)

February 9 ^(L)

February 16 ^(A)

February 23 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Darin Summerlot	Dan Jenkins	Stephen Beliech	Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reader	Dan Fuller	James Green	Tim Cox	David Lord
Presiding at Table	Gary Jenkins	Kirk Crews	Richard Watson	Dion Hayes
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Andres Fernandez Freddie Gadson Bill Ingram, Jr. Chuck Reeves, Jr. Cristian Suarez	Casey Crews Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez John Patrick Jim Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Marty Williams	Ryan Hankins Namddie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Israel Cuevas Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Ed Gager Bill Ingram, Jr.
Closing Prayer	David Lord	Ivan Villard	Robert Mariano	David Holaday

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Graysen Hayes	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Douglas Alvarenga	Jeff Goodale	Philip Porter	Dan Fuller
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	Connor Goodale	Trevin Roman	Paul Metzkes
Presiding at Table	Paul Metzkes	Kane Campbell	Tim Fry	Douglas Alvarenga
Serving at Table	David Perez Chuck Reeves, Jr.	John Hoelzer Jack Holoman	Joe Maloney Nicholas Pietro	David Perez Bobby Shelton
Closing Prayer	David Brown	Islay Rodriguez	Rick Hall	Daniel Wagner

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Daniel Swayne	Jimmie Banks	Lawrence Williams	Darin Summerlot
Usher	Mike Damron Dirk Summerlot	Lance Collier Vincent Rogers	Victor Colage Ricky Smith	Andres Fernandez Daniel Swayne

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,
January 19

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, January 26th

Jimmie Banks

Winifred Patterson

Monday, January 27th

Christene Bean

Ed Buonadonna

Thursday, January 30th

Dick Haines

Friday, January 31st

Mary A. Jackson

Thank You  notes

Dear Palm Beach Lakes Family,

Thank you so much for your calls, cards and most of all your prayers during my recent surgery. It is such a blessing being a part of this family. I love you all!

Debora Lynch

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Patrina Bulgin; Mrs. Lovette Butler; Mr. Virendra Desai; D. Elaine; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Mr. Andrew S. Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. Keshab Padhan; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Margaret Pujals; Miss Ma-leena Rodriguez; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders; Miss Abbie Schultz; Mr. Joshua Tull; Ms. Yvette Watts.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL; and Mr. David Tiffin, Red Bay, AL.



We rejoice with **Lovette Butler** who was baptized on Sunday, January 19.



Directory Changes

Trina Wright placed membership with the Jupiter-Tequesta congregation.

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, January 26

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Taylor Reeves
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Lord's Supper Philip Porter
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Steward Lynch
Ryan Hankins	Tim Mahlbacher
Namddie Ikon	Nicholas Pietro
Todd Juckett	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, January 26

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Ricky Smith
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Lord's Supper Victor Colage
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Serve at Table:

Trevin Roman Richard Weinstein

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, January 29

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 19	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	186	165
Sun. AM Worship	258	253
Sun. PM Worship	111	112
Wed. Bible Study	119	120
Contribution	\$17,856	\$16,760

2025 Weekly Budget: TBA

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

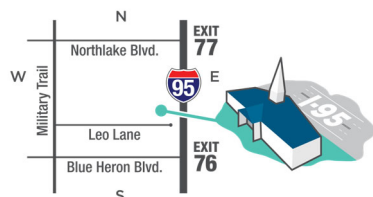
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Robert Mariano
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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.

Front Cover: **Jonetta Green, Loni Fuller & Jacqueline Creary**

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSESS (Feb. 2-Mar. 30)

Auditorium (David Sproule):

Colossians

The early church was challenged by many troubles—not only facing persecution for their faith, but also understanding that not every teaching coming into the church was true. From prison in Rome, Paul wrote to the brethren in Colosse to fortify their devotion to the supreme glory and preeminence of Christ, who was the answer to every difficulty they were facing.

Adult 3 (Kirk Crews):

Young Adults: Paul's First Letter of Encouragement to Christians

You're a new Christian. The Bible as we know it doesn't exist, so you are doing your best to live faithfully, but you are confused and worried. Some have said Jesus already came back from heaven and you missed Him. Others believe He hasn't returned, but it will happen any day now. Finally, Paul – your friend – writes you a letter to help you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASSESS (Jan. 29-Apr. 2)

Auditorium (Dan Jenkins):

First Samuel

God's plan was for judges to lead Israel, but they rejected it and demanded a king. Saul, the first king, was a failure, so God selected David, one whose heart was like His. This study will show what that heart was like before becoming the king. His heart is seen in his relationship with Samuel, Saul and Jonathan. We need to have this kind of heart.

Adult 1-2 (Traci Sproule):

Ladies Only: Stepping Stones: A Journey Down the Path of Faith

This study will explore our spiritual journey through life. Discover how God's Word illuminates our path, providing wisdom and guidance for every step as examine Biblical ways of "walking." We will study ways to apply Biblical principles to our daily lives, grow in faith, and deepen our relationship with God.