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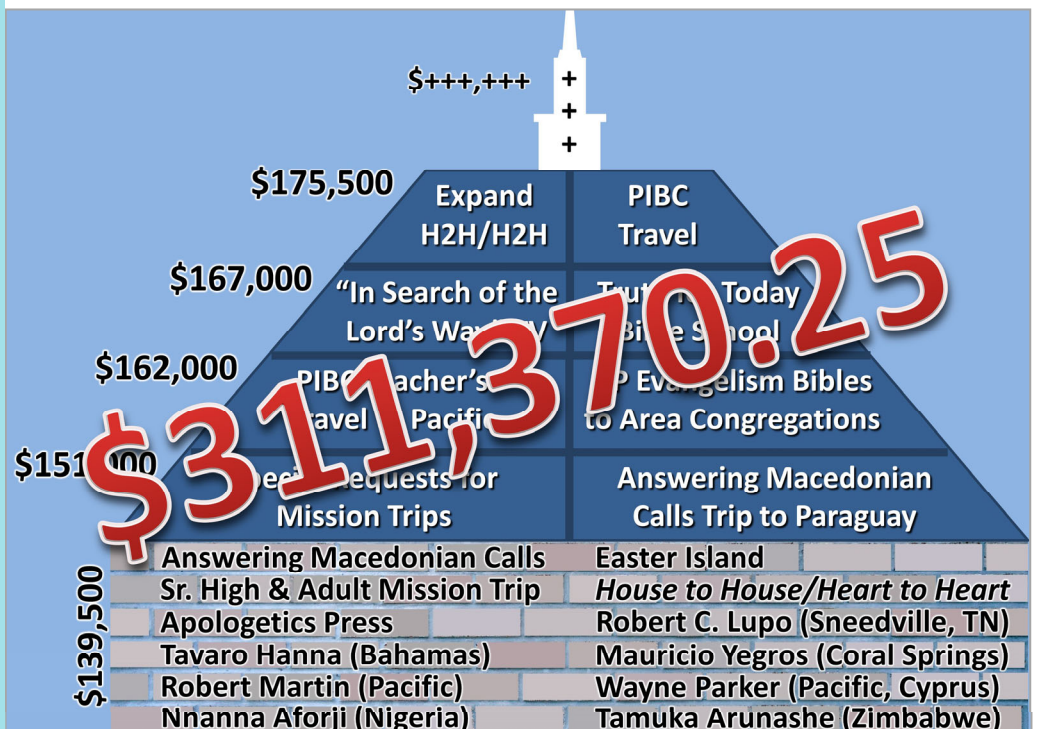
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# MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



**TO GOD Be the Glory**



By Dan Jenkins

## A Turning Point in Bible Study

I distinctly remember a conversation I had with a young man I had just baptized years ago in Birmingham. He was on fire for the Lord and told me that he was spending a lot of time reading the Bible. I wanted him to have a better study Bible than the one he had, so I explained the concept of translation from the Greek to English and gave him a New American Standard Version, which has outstanding center column references I find so helpful.

He called me the next day and was so excited. Now keep in mind that he had been using the King James Version. He said, "I am now so amazed as I read the Bible. You really can understand what it says! I thought reading the Bible was like reading Shakespeare—just a lot of words but no one was sure what they meant."

Now if you were Satan, how would you deal with the powerful impact reading the Bible has on individuals? I can immediately think of two lies I would foster on all mankind. The first can be illustrated by imagining you were given a 300-page book and told beforehand that you should read it, but that it was so far above your intelligence level you would never understand it. How much would you read it? How interested would you be in wasting your time reading it? Isn't this what

Satan has done? Does not America believe that the Bible is so complex that almost no one can understand it?

The second lie would be that if you spend too much time reading the Bible you will end up being a religious fanatic, bordering on insanity. Who would read a book which is so "dangerous" it might warp you forever? Isn't this what Satan has done?

**If you were Satan  
how would you  
keep people  
from finding  
God?**

Now consider the promises of God. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6). Who said this? When God became a man, God said it. Ours is not to deny this by believing lies originating from Satan. Ours is to believe and seek for righteousness, confidently assured that God will reveal it to us.

The Bible does have truths that are more difficult to understand than others easily understood, but even the difficult truths can be known (2 Pet. 3:16)! The amazing thing is that every truth related to becoming a Christian is so simply grasped. Read the Bible expecting to find the path to heaven, and God Himself has promised your desire will be fulfilled. "You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me will all your heart" (Jer. 29:13).

That's the turning point in reading the Bible. You do your part. Open your Bible and read it seeking to find His will. He will do His part!



By David Sproule

## "I Was Baptized in a Denomination"

If we ONLY had the Bible, what would we know about the church? Ponder that for a moment. If we ONLY had the Bible, what would we know about baptism? Ponder that for a moment. A third question, is everything being taught and done in the name of Jesus today in true accordance with Scripture? That just cannot be answered in the affirmative.

So, when it comes to matters of faith, matters of truth, matters of doctrine, matters of righteousness, there is ONLY one place we can go. We must turn our eyes to the Word of God and leave all human ideas and teachings behind.

First, the Word of God teaches us that "There is one body" (Eph. 4:4), which is "the church" (Eph. 1:22-23), so there is "one church." That "one" church is not a collection of all of the manmade churches, anymore than the "one God" of verse 6 is a collection of all of the manmade gods. There is only "one church" that Jesus built (Matt. 16:18), purchased (Acts 20:28) and of which He serves as the one head (Eph. 5:23). God does not accept any "divisions" in His one church, for He commands everyone to "speak the same thing" (1 Cor. 1:10). Conclusion: The Word of God lends no support to and, in fact, condemns manmade denominationalism that exists today.

**Most  
denominations  
do not teach or  
practice the  
"one baptism"**

Second, the Word of God teaches us that "There is one baptism" (Eph. 4:5). The "one baptism" has one method—burial (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:38; Matt. 3:16). The "one baptism" has one authority—in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 19:5; 1 Cor. 1:13). The "one baptism" has one proper subject—a penitent believer (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:36; 18:8). The "one baptism" has one purpose—for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).

The "one baptism" has one order of progression—hear, believe, repent, confess, baptized, be saved (Rom. 10:8-17; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 18:8). The "one baptism" has one church to enter—the body of Christ, the church of Christ (Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27). Conclusion: The Word of God lends no support to and, in fact, condemns (Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:6-9) all manmade baptism doctrines or practices that do not conform to God's "one baptism" specifically and clearly defined in the New Testament.

As is evidenced by simple investigation today, most denominations do not teach or practice all of these "ones" of the "one baptism." If I was baptized in a denomination: (1) Can I be satisfied that I was truly baptized with the "one baptism"? (2) Am I willing to risk the salvation of my soul? (3) Should I not follow the example of those whose baptism was not the "one baptism" (in Acts 19:1-5) and get baptized today with the "one baptism" of Jesus Christ?





By Robert Lupo

## We Have a Motive!

"Motive" 's the reason behind a decision or action. Knowing why we would do something can be one of the best evidences for if we do something. When a prosecutor is trying to convince a jury to convict a defendant for murder, it may all hinge on whether or not they present a reasonable motive for the crime. If a jury can understand why someone would do it, they are more likely to be convinced that they actually did it.

Is there a sufficient motive for us to follow Christ? What if we explained our reason for being a Christian to someone else? Would they have enough evidence to believe that we really do believe the faith we proclaim? Does our reason for living differently than the rest of the world make sense?

In 1 Timothy 4, verses 8-10, Paul explains our motive for being Christians. He writes, "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." He is telling us that our reason for living as a Christian comes down to two things: a profitable life on earth and a profitable life in heaven. We do what the Bible says is right not only because there is a reward of heaven, but because it leads to the best possible life.

**We do what the Bible says is right...because it leads to the best possible life.**

We are motivated to live Christian lives because our actions are in line with our purpose. Every person wants to know what their purpose in life is. Without purpose, our lives have no meaning. If we want fulfillment in life, then we must live according to our purpose. Ecclesiastes 12:13 tells us that our purpose is to "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all." This means that living a godly life is exactly what we were made for. We weren't made to live for the temporary pleasures of life. We are eternal, spiritual beings (cf. Ecc. 12:7; Gen. 2:7). We were made to glorify God.

We are also motivated to live Christian lives because it is good for our health and wellbeing. Living a worldly life can certainly give plenty of temporary pleasure. But, we all know that they come with terrible consequences. Drunkenness leads to violence and car accidents. Lying destroys trust and relationships. Promiscuity brings disease and tears apart marriages. Fleshly living may seem fun in the moment, but it will always lead to chaos. If I am living according to the Bible, then it can all be avoided. "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

We have a motive for being Christians! If we know it, we will be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks us a reason for the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pet. 3:15).

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### PBL Forever

What is the purpose of your life? What is the purpose of the church? We affectionately refer to our congregation as "PBL"—an abbreviation for, "Palm Beach Lakes." But, truly, "PBL" represents the purpose for all of us.

Our purpose is to "Please God." Like Jesus (John 8:29), we need to "make it our aim...to be well pleasing to Him" (2 Cor. 5:9) in all that we do, by keeping His commandments (1 John 3:22). Our purpose is to "Bring the Lost to Jesus." Like Jesus (Luke 19:10), we need to "bear much fruit" (John 15:8) for Christ, by teaching the good news of Jesus to lost souls (Mark 16:15), so that they will come to Him. Our purpose is to "Love the Brethren." Like Jesus (John 13:34; 15:13), we need to "give preference to one another" (Rom. 12:10) and "serve one another" (Gal. 5:13). Our purpose is to do all of these and focus on them "Forever." Like Jesus (John 14:3; 17:24), we need to look "to the end" (Heb. 3:6, 14; Rom. 6:22), to the time when we can all be "present with the Lord."

So, is your purpose to "PBL Forever"? – DS



### God cares for widows

As one reads through Scripture, it is quite apparent that widows have a special place in the heart of God. At Mount Sinai, one of the laws given to Israel was, "You shall not afflict any widow...If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; and My wrath will become hot" (Ex. 22:22-24). God gave instructions regarding the harvesting of fields and vineyards, which included looking out for the widow in the process (Deut. 24:19-21).

Fast forward to the New Testament, and we find Jesus praising a poor widow's sacrificial gift (Mark 12:41-44), raising a widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:11-15) and telling a parable about a persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8). In the early church, God made sure that widows being neglected were cared for (Acts 6:1-6), that families and the church understood their responsibility to their widows (1 Tim. 5:3-16), for such is "pure and undefiled religion before God" (Jas. 1:27).

It is evident, from His words and His actions, that God cares for widows. What about us? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Linda Coe</b>	undergoing therapy on her knee following surgery
<b>Bettye King</b>	recovering from a stroke, slowly improving
<b>Norma Mariano</b>	recovering from an outpatient procedure
<b>Pat Patterson</b>	recovering from second cataract surgery
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	in severe pain
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	dealing with severe chronic back pain

### 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 These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Sharon Banks</b>	Derrick & Jimmie Banks' sister, diabetes complications
<b>Everol Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's brother, pneumonia
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, pneumonia
<b>Scott Kelley</b>	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, surg. to remove tumor (2/5)
<b>Rudy March</b>	Verdell March's husband, awaiting brain scan results
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, multiple health issues
<b>Beverly Michaelian</b>	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, heart complications

## 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	

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

## Tuesday, February 4

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

## 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. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Wednesday, February 26

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

## Friday, February 28

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Hoelzer. Please bring finger foods or a charcuterie board and your Bible. See Allison Roman for more details.

## Saturday, March 1

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street.** This year's speakers will be Becky Blackmon and Janet Wilson.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## 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.

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## Saturday, March 1

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

## Monday, March 10

- ♦ **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.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, February 2

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

## Sunday, February 9

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, February 23.
- ♦ **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 21-23

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference** for Jr. High & Sr. High in Pigeon Forge, TN. See Robert Lupo for details.

## Sunday, March 9

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

## Monday, March 10

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

# *A Verse A Day*

*Keeps me on the Lord's way*

365 VERSES THROUGH THE

## *Life of Christ*

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

### For the Month of *February*

- |               |              |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| ❑ February 1  | Matthew 4:7  | ❑ February 15 | John 3:16    |
| ❑ February 2  | Matthew 4:10 | ❑ February 16 | John 3:17    |
| ❑ February 3  | Luke 4:13    | ❑ February 17 | John 3:19    |
| ❑ February 4  | John 1:29    | ❑ February 18 | John 3:30    |
| ❑ February 5  | John 1:41    | ❑ February 19 | John 3:36    |
| ❑ February 6  | John 1:51    | ❑ February 20 | John 4:4     |
| ❑ February 7  | John 2:5     | ❑ February 21 | John 4:23    |
| ❑ February 8  | John 2:19    | ❑ February 22 | John 4:24    |
| ❑ February 9  | John 2:22    | ❑ February 23 | John 4:34    |
| ❑ February 10 | John 2:23    | ❑ February 24 | John 4:35    |
| ❑ February 11 | John 2:25    | ❑ February 25 | John 4:36    |
| ❑ February 12 | John 3:2     | ❑ February 26 | Matthew 4:17 |
| ❑ February 13 | John 3:5     | ❑ February 27 | Mark 1:17    |
| ❑ February 14 | John 3:14    | ❑ February 28 | Mark 1:22    |



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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
January 26

Thank You *notes*

Dear Palm Beach Lakes Family,

I would like to thank everybody for their prayers, cards, gifts, for the foods being brought to me, and giving me a ride to my physical therapy appointments. I just thank everybody for what they have done to help assist me.

Linda Coe



**Directory Changes**

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Althea Bignall; Mr. Sal Biondo; Ms. Patricia Bulgin; D. Elaine; Mr. & Mrs. Pat & Sue Farrell; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mrs. Linda Martorello; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Morris & Bryce McDaniel; Mr. & Mrs. Bret & Shelley Nesbitt; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Rachel Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; and Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
*This Week*

Sunday, February 2nd  
Gai Ingram

Wednesday, February 5th (cont.)  
Maurine Reed

Monday, February 3rd  
Jennifer Goodale

Thursday, February 6th  
Kenneth Long

Tuesday, February 4th  
Lilly Lolo

Friday, February 7th  
Cayden Scriven

Wednesday, February 5th  
Joel & Jessica Ramirez (Ann.)

Saturday, February 8th  
Richard Weinstein

## 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, February 2

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

#### Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Freddie Gadson
Addison Collins	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez	Cristian Suarez

### Sunday Evening, February 2

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Douglas Alvarenga  
Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Paul Metzkes  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... David Brown

#### Serve at Table:

David Perez      Chuck Reeves, Jr.

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

### Wednesday Evening, February 5

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... Daniel Wagner  
Family Prayer ..... Ivan Villard

## Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 26	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	177	165
Sun. AM Worship	259	253
Sun. PM Worship	110	112
Wed. Bible Study	123	120
Mission Sunday	\$311,370	\$16,760

2025 Weekly Budget: TBA

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

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

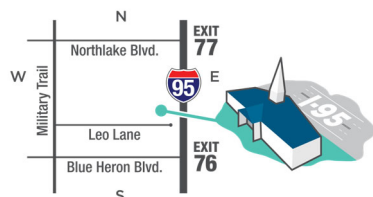
Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Dirk Summerlot  
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
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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: **Gwen Lyons & Hank Sanders**

## 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.*