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Welcome New Members



Jameson, Brittany

Baptized March 6



**Bignall, Althea
Ariane & *Joshua**

Identified March 16



Nesbitt, Bret & Shelley

Identified March 16



Charles, Julie

Identified March 16



By Dan Jenkins

A Problem for Those Who Teach His 1,000 Year Reign

We continue this week looking at a problem the scribes and teachers of the Old Testament possibly could have had if they made a deep study of the Scriptures. They obviously knew the Messiah was to come and hundreds of prophecies could have lead them to discover so much about Him.

There were those prophecies where one word used to describe Jesus was that He was to be a branch. Isaiah had said, "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots" (Isa. 11:1). This verse followed by those exalting the coming of the Spirit on that Branch and so many aspects of His righteousness. This section concludes by referencing Jesse again and prophecies that the Gentiles would seek the root springing out of Jesse (v. 11). The Hebrew word for branch evidently is tied to the name of the city of Nazareth where Jesus was born and why He was called a Nazarene.

For a while there was no problem for the scribes seeing the passage from Isaiah describing the Messiah. But three hundred years later, Zechariah added the Branch would be both priest and a king. The problem was that in Judaism priests came only from Levi and kings came only from Judah. How was it possible that one individual could ever be members of two

different tribes? The answer is easy for us to see because there was another Old Testament prophecy that the Messiah would come and be like another totally different source of priests. David said, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" (Psa. 110:4).

However, in so much of modern Christendom, there is a belief that when Jesus returns He will come to Jerusalem and rule the earth. He will build a new temple, the Ark of the Covenant will be placed in it, and there will be a return to that Old Testament system with its priesthood. What is wrong with this Idea?

The Bible clearly says, "If He were on earth, He would not be a priest" (Heb. 8:4). Why is it that there is no way Jesus could be a priest on the earth? "For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood" (Heb. 7:14). Those who teach the reign of Jesus on earth for a thousand years cannot solve this problem. Jesus is indeed a priest, a high priest, but He is a priest in heaven. He now reigns in heaven as King of kings and is a priest of another kind, one after the order of Melchizedek!

In God's plan the Branch can be both a king and a priest on the throne at the same time. The doctrine of the thousand-year reign with a return to the temple cannot be true. The Bible shows the way He can be a priest and a king!

An unsolvable problem for those who teach the 1,000 year reign of Jesus



By David Sproule

The Church Is a BIG Deal to Christ!

"Well, that's a typical preacher thing to say, isn't it? Of course, a preacher is going to say that the church is a BIG deal to Christ! That's what he's supposed to say!" I guess someone could respond that way, but let's approach this strictly from the viewpoint of the Bible. Let's not give attention to what

any ordinary man has said on this subject. What do we need to know about the church from Jesus' viewpoint?

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as it was His eternal plan! The Bible tells us that "before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4), God planned for Christ to come and redeem mankind (1 Pet. 1:18-20), and His church was "the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:9-11). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as it was the subject of His preaching from beginning to end! From the start of His ministry until the moment of His ascension into heaven, Jesus preached about His church (Matt. 4:17; 16:18-19). He taught multiple parables about it (Matt. 13) and gave instructions on how to enter (John 3:3-5) and how to live in it (Matt. 18:4; 20:20-28). During the 40 days between His resurrection and ascension, He was "speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). Now, that's a BIG deal!

His church was "the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ"

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He paid the highest price imaginable to purchase it! The church was not an afterthought for Christ and the payment for it was not a surprise. The shedding of "the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:19) was in the eternal plan of God, by which He "purchased" the church (Acts 20:28). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He devoted half of the New Testament to give instructions to His church! The purpose statement of First Timothy could really summarize the purpose of the books of Acts through Revelation: "that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church" (1 Tim. 3:15). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He puts His saved safely inside of it! The church is the saved (Eph. 5:23), and the saved are the church (Acts 2:47). Jesus gave Himself to save the lost (Tit. 2:14), and when the lost are saved, He transfers them into "the kingdom" (Col. 1:13). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He is going to return one day to take only His church home to heaven! When "the end" comes, He is going to deliver "the kingdom to God the Father" (1 Cor. 15:24). Now, that's a BIG deal!

Question: Is the church a BIG deal to you?



By Robert Lupo

Is Your Knowledge Lacking?

One of the takeaways I had from preaching school was that I wished every Christian could go and have the same kind of intensive study. Every day I was opening my Bible and being guided on how to know the stories and scriptures better. I was challenged to wrestle with difficult passages and commands and apply them in my daily life. Preaching school gave me the structure and freedom to grow in my knowledge of the Lord.

The sad thing is that I could have been doing these things all along. I didn't need a school to lead me by the hand and force me to study. I had all the tools necessary at my disposal. I had the scriptures any time I wanted, and I had teachers willing to help me understand. But I was not motivated to put the time in on my own, so my knowledge was lacking.

The Bible warns us to make sure we are diligent to show ourselves approved as Paul says in 2 Timothy 2:15-16. We have a personal responsibility to study the scriptures and know their interpretation. We cannot rightly divide the word of truth if we don't spend time with it. We cannot shun profane and idle babblings if we haven't studied the Bible long enough to know what they are.

There are grave consequences for neglecting the

scriptures. In Hosea 4:6, the Lord spoke to Israel, "My people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." During the time of Hosea, Israel was experiencing a time of economic security and plenty. But as their worries became less and less, so did their desire to understand and obey the word of God. As punishment, God allowed them to be destroyed and removed their priestly privileges.

We cannot rightly divide the word of truth if we don't spend time with it.

God dealt severely with His children of the Old Covenant because they neglected His word. In this country, we also have been blessed with great amounts of wealth and prosperity. Like Israel, we can easily become complacent in our studies. It is far easier to watch another YouTube video or start a new show on Netflix than it is to open our Bibles and truly search the scriptures. If we want to retain our privileges as the children and priests of Christ, we must grow in the knowledge of His word.

Is your knowledge lacking? Peter says we must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18). In John 10:27, Jesus says, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." Do you know the voice of your Good Shepherd? The only way is to study the Bible (cf. Heb. 1:1-4; 2 Pet. 1:19-21). Start growing today!

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"I am poor and needy"

As you think about King David in the Bible—growing up in the household of Jesse, being chosen at a young age to be the next king of Israel, being close friends with the king's son, becoming king and living in the king's house—it is unlikely that you have ever pictured him as "poor and needy." And yet, that is exactly how he describes himself in Psalm 70:5.

We hear "poor and needy," and we immediately think materially, but that is not likely the case for David in this text. David was facing great opposition and was crying out to God to deliver him. David was not a panhandler with a cardboard sign on the streets, but he was "poor and needy" for God, desperately calling upon God to "make haste" to "help" him.

Are you "poor and needy" for God? Some Christians are living rather contented lives when it comes to God. They need Him when they need Him, but most of the time they're good on their own. Let us not wait until we are facing opposition to realize how much we need God! – DS



Feed on His faithfulness

The last four words of Psalm 37:3 (in the New King James Version) are intriguing: "feed on His faithfulness." Picture a lamb out in the field of Israel—what is that lamb "feeding on" in the field? He has grass and to spare. Picture a child of a king walking into a banquet hall in the palace—what is that child "feeding on" in that huge banquet hall? He has food and to spare.

Psalm 37 tells us as readers, "Do not fret" (v. 1). Then it tells us, "Trust in the Lord" (v. 3). How can I possibly do those two things with all that is happening today? Read those last four words of verse 3 again: "feed on His faithfulness." Pull up a comfy chair at the banquet table of God Himself and realize that, on His menu, He has faithfulness and to spare. He never lies (Heb. 6:18). He always sees and hears you (1 Pet. 3:12). He is always with you (Heb. 13:5). He is able to take care of every "fretful" thing that comes your way (Eph. 3:20; Rom. 8:28).

Our "God is faithful" always (1 Cor. 1:9). Feast on that! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	ICU at Jupiter Medical Center, undergoing tests
Pete Brown	Jupiter Medical Center, recovering from toe amputation
Carolyn Cullom	dealing with several health issues
Trudie Holland	fell and has a couple fractures in her back
Ophelia Holmes	Delray Medical Center, undergoing tests
Sylvester Jackson	JFK Medical Center, heart catheterization on March 20
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center, undergoing tests, infection
Todd Juckett	recovering at home from bowel surgery
Bettye King	recovering from a stroke, slowly improving
Tiffany Mayes	undergoing dialysis treatments
Amy West	Luxe Rehab in Wellington (room 1101-B)
Henry Williams	recovering from surgery on his arm

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	



Jackie Creary, upon the passing of her brother, Ludlow Barrington, last week.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Hattie Anderson	Christene Bean & Loretta James' sister, ICU in Georgia
Sharon Banks	Derrick & Jimmie's sister, recovering from heart surgery
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, upcoming outpatient surg.
Sandra Perez	Cherylann Banks' sister, still awaiting liver biopsy results
Brittany Terry	Chuck Reeves' daughter, dealing with pneumonia

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, March 23

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 30

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, April 5

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Kissimmee** from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Cora Filmore & Lori Ann Antemesaris will be speaking on *"Grow in Grace and Knowledge."*

Sunday, April 6

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Monday, April 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.

Sunday, April 13

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

Thursday, April 17

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Shameika Hanna** (from Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama) at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Growing in Godliness."* Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lesson at 7:30 p.m. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, April 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Bike Ride** at 10:00 a.m. Location TBD. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals will be available. We will be riding our bikes and then have a picnic lunch. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 26

- ♦ **Young Adult Connect Day** at 10:00 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, May 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.

Saturday, May 17

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 24

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, March 23

- ♦ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward.** We will leave immediately after morning worship. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, March 30

- ♦ **Youth Mission Trip Application Deadline.** See Robert Lupo for details.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for details.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Allison Roman. Bring drinks and desserts.

Sunday, April 6

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

Saturday, April 12

- ♦ **Sr. High Spring Formal.** See Robert Lupo for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 b Taylor Reeves	2 a Bill & Allison Snyder b Lorena Pittman	3 b Giselle Smith	4	5 ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Kissimmee ☆ Young Adult Bike Ride b Elizabeth Summerlot
6 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ His Kids Class	7 ☆ Men's Meet b Krystian Dubuisson	8 b Jean Archer b Zula Garrett b Nadia King	9	10 a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles	11	12 ☆ Sr. High Spring Formal b Kaylani Carmona b Mendy Crews
13 ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Henry & Bereather Williams b Marcia Clough-Moss	14	15 a Aaron & Squadeina Ross	16	17 ☆ Ladies' Day with Shameika Hanna	18 b Loni Fuller	19 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting b Sherri Richmond
20 ☆ His Kids Class b Donald Seay	21	22 a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Layla Courts-Buonadonna b Jeremy Maloney b Amber Villard	23	24	25 ☆ Ladies' Fellowship	26 ☆ Young Adult Connect Day ☆ EDP & Office Cookout b Rick Hall b Ivan Villard
Church of Christ Home Educators Retreat (March 24-26)						
27 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Marie Telfort	28 b Kane Campbell b James Green	29 b Beth Fry	30			

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
March 16

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, March 24th

Silas & Ashley Balfour (Ann.)
Selena Booze

Saturday, March 29th

Ryan Hankins

Wednesday, March 26th

Carmen Ruckman



We rejoice with **Jace Buonadonna** who was baptized on Sunday, March 16 following morning services. He is listed in the directory with his parents, Todd & Caila Juckett.

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Christy Anderson; Ms. Sharon Banks; Mr. William Barnhart; D. Elaine; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mr. Andrew S. Jackson; Mr. James Lang; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Joyce Medina; Mr. Nicholas Ruffini; Miss Anny Silva; and Mr. Joseph Wanyoike.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Carl Anderson, Lamont, FL; Mr. Mark Coley; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Suzanne Dempsey, Plymouth, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Kimberly Dodd, Corinth, MS; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Lisa Freund, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Jennifer Higbee, Henderson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Lori Nixon, Nashville, TN; Mr. Stephen Shafor, Dorr, MI; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.

 **Thank You** notes

Brothers & Sisters of Palm Beach Lakes,

We are so thankful for the love, prayers and support that you have given us during Betty's illness and recovery. The caring responses given to us both were numerous and greatly appreciated. The Palm Beach Lakes family is so special and was a great blessing from God to have during this time.

With Special Love,
Betty & Johnny Davis

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, March 23

Singing Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper Jeff Goodale
Singing
Opening Prayer Dan Jenkins
Scripture Reading Michael Erickson
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Leslie

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Jim Rogers
Connor Goodale	Vince Rogers
Graysen Hayes	Joseph Snyder
John Patrick	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, March 23

Singing Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Scripture Reading Islay Rodriguez
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews Jack Holoman

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, March 26

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 16	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	176	155
Sun. AM Worship	229	252
Sun. PM Worship	139	106
Wed. Bible Study	123	124
Contribution	\$18,680	\$16,868

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$9,981

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

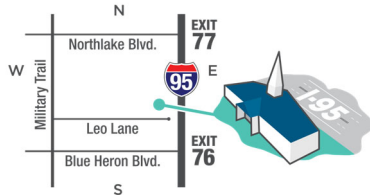
Ushers for this week: James Green & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews



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: Jane & Joy Watson

Walking for 30 Days WITH JESUS



Palm Beach Lakes
CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Matthew 1- Matthew 4	9 Matthew 27- Mark 1	17 Luke 6- Luke 7	24 Luke 24- John 2
2 Matthew 5- Matthew 7	10 Mark 2- Mark 4	18 Luke 8- Luke 9	25 John 3- John 5
3 Matthew 8- Matthew 10	11 Mark 5- Mark 7	19 Luke 10- Luke 11	26 John 6- John 7
4 Matthew 11- Matthew 13	12 Mark 8- Mark 10	20 Luke 12- Luke 14	27 John 8- John 10
5 Matthew 14- Matthew 17	13 Mark 11- Mark 13	21 Luke 15- Luke 18	28 John 11- John 13
6 Matthew 18- Matthew 21	14 Mark 14- Mark 16	22 Luke 19- Luke 21	29 John 14- John 17
7 Matthew 22- Matthew 24	15 Luke 1- Luke 2	23 Luke 22- Luke 23	30 John 18- John 21
8 Matthew 25- Matthew 26	16 Luke 3- Luke 5		