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**PROMOTION**  
**Sunday**





By Dan Jenkins

## Knowing That You Can Know

The Bible expresses such profound truths in such simple ways that we read them and think we already know this truth, when in reality we do not know what we know! If these words intrigue you, then permit me to use God's simply words to illustrate this.

I vividly recall an experience from our early days in New Zealand in 1962. As we tried to learn more about the various religious groups meeting there, we visited a denomination I knew nothing about. As we were asked, "Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior?" I had never heard this phraseology before, but I did know the answer. We knew Jesus, we knew He had saved us, so we were welcomed.

How would you have answered that question about knowing the Lord? I wish I had known then how the apostle John would have answered it. John said that we not only can know Him, but we can absolutely know that we know the Lord. Hear these words of this great apostle. "Hereby we know that we know Him..." He says more than saying we can know the Lord—he says we can know that we know Him. Let me ask you if you know the Lord as your Savior? Do you absolutely know that you know Him? What evidence can you give that you know Him? Read what John says.

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments" (1 John 2:3). Read these simple words and think about them. (1) We can know Him. (2) We can know that we know Him. (3) The way we know that we know the Lord is not to just "feel assurance" in our hearts that we know Him. The way we know Him is not just a deep feeling in our souls that we know Him. (4) The divinely given measure of knowing Him is whether we keep His commandments.

**Even God  
Himself will  
deceive us, if we  
do not love truth  
above all else**

But John says more in the next verse. John says that anyone who says that he knows the Lord and does not obey Him "...is a liar, and the truth is now in Him" (1 John 2:4). We may not consciously know we are lying but God sees us differently.

In fact, if we do not love the truth about how to serve Him, even God Himself will give us a strong feeling of salvation. "They did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie" (2 Thess. 2:10-11). Hear these truths. If we do not obey Him, we do not know Him and He will allow us to strongly believe that we know Him. Let me ask you again. Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior?

If I do not obey Him, I do not know Him. I do not love Him (John 14:15). If I do not obey Him, I am not His friend (John 15:14). How do you know you know Him and love Him?



By David Sproule

## "I Will Die on That Hill"

This expression, with an obvious military origin, is often used in everyday life to express an absolute willingness to make a strong defense and hold a position (in a particular argument), with no intent to ever consider compromising or backing down (even if presented with information that makes one's position indefensible). It is being unmovably committed.

In a surprising and very unfortunate conversation a while ago, someone used that expression about the particular position that they held. I am not writing this for that person's benefit but for yours.

In the conversation we were having, one of the main topics of discussion was the relationship of baptism to one's salvation from sin. The individual with whom I was conversing was adamant that baptism, while a good and appropriate action, has no connection at all to the forgiveness of sins. What was interesting, but not unusual, is that no attempt was made in their responses to ever answer the verses in the New Testament that clearly connect baptism with being "saved" from sins (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21), obtaining "the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 2:38), washing "away" sins (Acts 22:16), getting "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27) and "into His kingdom" (John 3:5). Their position was that salvation occurs at faith and baptism is not essential.

**Those state-  
ments are not...  
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individuals to  
take sides.**

When it was apparent that the truth was not moving this person, I asked the individual a question that I have asked many others over the years. It is not designed as a "gotcha" question, but as an eye-opening, finally-make-the-connection question. Question: "Which one of these statements do you believe is correct? (1) The Bible teaches that baptism does not save us. (2) The Bible teaches that baptism does now save us."

Here is the answer that I received: "I will answer your question with #1, that baptism does not save, and I will die on that hill. We will all find out at the judgment."

Here's the problem. In 1 Peter 3:21, God says plainly, "Baptism does now save us." This person dismissed that Bible teaching and answered, "Baptism does not save us." In a daring response, the individual picked a manmade doctrine over a God-given doctrine, and did not just pick it, but laid down the "I will die on that hill" pledge.

Friends, the Bible says plainly that we are saved through faith (Eph. 2:8) and plainly that baptism saves (1 Pet. 3:21). Those statements are not contradictory, nor are they designed for individuals to take sides. "The sum of [God's] word is truth" (Psa. 119:160), which means BOTH are truth—faith PLUS baptism saves (Mark 16:16). God expects us to obey the sum of His word before we die and before judgment.





By Robert Lupo

## Why Christians Love Vacation Bible School

What an amazing Vacation Bible School we had this year! Our Lord was certainly glorified by this incredible event. While this is certainly true every year, something felt extra great. It was the Christians that made it happen.

So many hands played vital roles in making VBS special this year. Whether we are talking about the planning team, the decorators, the kitchen staff, cooks, bakers, the teachers, the assistants, or the registration staff, everyone contributed in important ways.

We also had help from all demographics of the church. We had young Christians, older Christians, Christians that have been members for a long time, and brand new Christians. Everyone worked together to make it happen. What could possibly motivate such hard work? It's because Christians love children!

Christians love to work for children. Obviously, a lot of work went into VBS, but you wouldn't find a complaint amongst those at the work days during the event. They truly love to make events special for our little ones. And they do it because children are a gift from God. Proverbs 17:6 tells us, "Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father." And the Bible teaches us to work hard

for them. "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:8).

Christians love to sacrifice for children. A great amount of time and money was spent by so many to make this VBS happen. That's because they are worth it. In the hearts of children is a reflection of the heart of believers. Jesus commanded, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).

### ...Christians love children!

Christians love to teach children. There is an incredible amount of satisfaction in seeing a child grow in the knowledge of our Lord. And this practice comes from all the way back in the Old Testament. God commanded, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children..." (Deut. 6:6-7).

Christians love to see children loving God. One of the beloved songs we sing at VBS speaks right from 1 John 4:19. We teach them to sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me." Not much compares to seeing a child experience the love of God through the amazing VBS staff. Because they are loved, they know that they must love their God.

I want to say a very sincere thank you to all of the Christians that made this year's VBS a love-letter from God.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "The night in which He was betrayed"

We've heard it so often that maybe it has lost its impact—"...the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed..." (1 Cor. 11:23). What night? The night He was betrayed! That's not just a chronological marker or a filler to make Paul's sentences even longer! That event was tragic!

After Jesus washed 24 grimy feet and explained the heart of a true servant, He quoted Psalm 41:9, "He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me" (John 13:18). Then, right before He said, "one of you shall betray me," the verse says, "He was troubled in spirit." The Greek for "troubled" means, "to cause inward turmoil, disturb, agitate with grief and anxiety" (cf. John 11:33-35; 12:27-28). Jesus was inwardly torn up about being betrayed. But, not just Jesus! When He announced this, His apostles "were exceedingly sorrowful" (Matt. 26:22) with distress and grief.

One of Jesus' closest friends betrayed Him to the malicious mob, setting off the sequence of events that would end in His crucifixion. That ought to exceedingly grieve us today also! —DS



### Paying attention to the "little things"

Do you ever get text messages that have a string of emojis at the end? All of varying expressions? Do you ever look at each one individually and think about its meaning? I'm guessing that you don't. I'm guessing you just see a line of emojis as a group and move on, not considering that someone took the time (usually) to intentionally select which laughing one best fit the message, which eye position was just perfect, which mouth shape conveyed the right tone, etc. Of course, when folks get a message from you with a string of emojis that you have carefully selected, they probably do the same thing—just glance right over it without considering each one.

So, here's the question: Do we do that with the Bible? Do we see part of the message, but we don't pay attention to the "little details" that God has put in there? Consider this: God doesn't have "little details." Every single word was intentionally selected by God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Matt. 4:4; 22:31-32). What a treasure we have! May we never minimize or overlook any part of it! —DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	hospitalized for tests, recovering at home
<b>Pete Brown</b>	in La Posada (room 2066) for rehab, visitors welcome
<b>Tom Garrison</b>	heart procedure on June 16
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	still dealing with severe leg pain
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	discharged from the hospital
<b>Kasandra Jones</b>	recovering from heart surgery
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	dealing with a lung infection
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	injection for her back and ankle pain
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	slowly improving from her hip replacement
<b>Willie Wilkins</b>	recovering from knee surgery

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic health issues
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Tiffany Mayes</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Henry Williams</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Josie Dawson	Leigh Puckett
Zula Garrett	Maurine Reed
Dick Haines	Don Seay
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Daniel Johnson	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Daniel Greaves</b>	Dannette Margarini's father, hand injury
<b>Weston Nesbitt</b>	Bret & Shelley Nesbitt's son, cyst causing pain/infection
<b>Patti Nielsen</b>	John Hoelzer's sister, recovering from cancer surgery
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, undergoing cancer treatments
<b>Ruby Tritschler</b>	Misty Hayes' mother, hip replacement surgery

**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, June 15

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Ages 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Monday, June 16

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, June 17

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

## Wednesday, June 18

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Grant Fuller will be speaking on "Will He Find Me On My Knees in Prayer?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Friday, June 20

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite ethnic dish and a small (\$5-10) gift card to add to a missionary encouragement package. See Allison Roman or Skye Brown for more details.

## Saturday, June 21

- ♦ **Memorial Service for Joyce Parker.** The visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by the service at 11:00 a.m.

## Sunday, June 22

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Wednesday, June 25

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Ben Griffin will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Controlling My Temper?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Friday, June 27

- ♦ **Young Adult Sunset Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. Bring a picnic dinner. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Saturday, August 2

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

### Saturday, August 23

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

### Saturday, September 13

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

### Saturday, October 4

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



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, June 15

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.

### Wednesday, June 18

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes.** Ages 3-Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2.

### Wednesday-Saturday, June 18-21

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Please keep the campers and preachers in your prayers. See Dan Jenkins, David Sproule or Robert Lupo for info.

### Monday, June 23-Monday, June 30

- ♦ **Sr. High & Adult Mission Trip.** See Robert Lupo for details.

### Sunday, June 29

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

# “Does This Offend You?”

by Kyle Butt



“I’m offended!” “That is offensive to me!” “You must not do that, because it offends me!” You will often hear statements such as these on television, the radio, or any number of media outlets. Those who use these types of sentiments throw them down like a gauntlet, daring you to continue. It is as if the fact that they are offended should cause you to stop whatever it is you are saying or doing that offends them. Somehow, “I’m offended,” has become the verbal alarm that signals some sort of mistake or misstep on the part of the speaker.

The fact is, however, just because a person is offended is not necessarily a reason to stop saying or doing something. Jesus often offended people, but that did not stop Him from preaching and teaching the truth. When a person takes offense at something, it often says much more about the heart of the one who is offended than it does about the person who supposedly “caused” the offense.

On one occasion, after Jesus taught about how the Pharisees had abused God’s Word, His apostles came to him and said, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” (Matthew 15:11). It is almost as if the apostles thought like many people today. They seemed to be indicating that, because Jesus had offended the Pharisees, He should stop teaching those ideas or change His message. Jesus, however, thought nothing of the sort. He knew that His message offended the Pharisees because of the hardness of their hearts, not because of the way the message was delivered. Jesus understood that the hearts of the Pharisees needed changing, not His message or even the way He delivered it. He responded to His apostles by saying, “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind” (Matthew 15:14). Surely we can agree that the Pharisees would have been further offended by Jesus’ follow up comments. Their offense, however, was misplaced. They were blind to the truth. They should not have been offended at Jesus’ message. Jesus’ message was the truth that God had sent to set them free (John 8:32).

Mark 6:1-6 tells about a time Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth. He went to the synagogue and preached the Word as He often did in other places. The townspeople who heard Him murmured, “Where did this man get these things?... Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” The text then states, “And they were offended at Him.” The fact that they were offended did not mean Jesus had done anything wrong. It did not mean that He should have taken a different approach to preaching in His hometown. It meant only that the hearts of the hearers were calloused, sinful, and refused to recognize God’s message when it was preached. Jesus never cowered to the “I’m offended so you must stop” tactic, and neither should we.

At one time Jesus preached to a great multitude of His disciples. Many of His own disciples did not understand the message and “murmured” about Jesus’ preaching (John 6:61). Jesus then asked them, “Does this offend you?” (John 6:61). Many in our day would say that if Jesus offended the crowd, He was sinning and should change His message, change His delivery style, or re-word His statement to be less offensive. Jesus, however, responded by saying, “What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?” (6:61). What was Jesus’ point? If the people were offended with Jesus’ message that He was the bread that came down from heaven, just think how they would react if they saw Jesus ascend back into heaven, which was what He planned to do in the near future (Luke 24:50-53).<sup>1</sup> Not only did He refuse to quit preaching or change His message, He added something to the message that the audience would have had more problems accepting! Obviously, Jesus did not feel the need to stop preaching or change His message because His audience was offended.

It is certainly true that Christians should let their speech “be with grace, seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6). It is also true that Christians should avoid unnecessary offense (Matthew 17:27; 1 Corinthians 8). The Gospel, however, is exclusive and offensive to many people. Those with dishonest, sinful hearts will always be offended at the simplicity and straightforwardness of Christ’s Truth. As Christians, we should follow the example of our Lord. We must never be bullied into silence or intimidated into changing our message simply because a person or group is offended at the truth.

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> It is interesting that when Stephen was martyred, he exclaimed that he saw Jesus in heaven “standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56). This statement so offended the mob that “they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him” (Acts 7:57).



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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
June 8

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Monday, June 16th

Ally Alberga

Tuesday, June 17th

Nyla Hackshaw

Mary Jackson

Wednesday, June 18th

Dan & Judie Jenkins (Ann)

Thursday, June 19th

Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.)

Thursday, June 19th (cont.)

Judy Carmack

Gwen Lyons

Friday, June 20th

Dan & Loni Fuller (Ann.)

Evetta Wilson

Saturday, June 21st

Ivan & Amber Villard (Ann.)

Eddie Gooden

Thank You notes

I want to say thank you to everyone at Palm Beach Lakes for all of the cards, calls, and texts. They are very much appreciated.

Nadia King

# Shepherds Praying

**Sundays In June**  
at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.

## 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, June 15

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Lord's Supper ..... Dan Jenkins  
Singing  
Opening Prayer ..... Ivan Villard  
Scripture Reading ..... Jim Rogers  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Kirk Crews

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews      Bret Nesbitt  
Connor Goodale      Islay Rodriguez  
Jeff Leslie      Joseph Snyder  
Michael Menendez Eugene Williams

### Sunday Evening, June 15

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... John Hoelzer  
Scripture Reading ..... Islay Rodriguez  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Douglas Alvarenga  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Jack Holoman      John Patrick

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

### Wednesday Evening, June 18

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Robert Lupo  
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

## Our Record

Attendance	Jun 8	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	130	162
Sun. AM Worship	235	259
Sun. PM Worship	131	100
Wed. Bible Study	171	123
Contribution	\$16,392	\$16,020

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,140

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

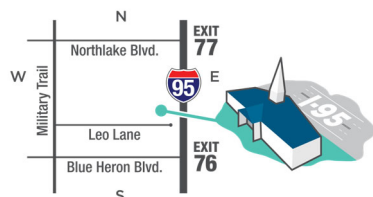
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Vincent Rogers  
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



# 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: **David Lord & Vince Rogers**

## Mark Your Calendar!

June 18

**On My Knees in Prayer?**

*Grant Fuller*

June 25

**Controlling My Temper?**

*Ben Griffin*

July 2

**Seeking Lost Souls?**

*Terry Frizzell*

July 9

**Content with What He Provides?**

*Jenny Singh*

July 16

**Eager to Stay or Eager to Go?**

*Jamey Hinds*

July 23

**Hungering for Righteousness?**

*Oreston Frizzell*

July 30

**Pursuing Peace with All?**

*Mauricio Yegros*

August 6

**Unashamedly Defending His Truth?**

*Baptiste Joseph*

When

*The Trumpet of the Lord*  
Shall Sound

*Will He Find Me...*

Summer Series Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.