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## 25th Annual Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Young Women



Casey Crews, Trevin Roman, Connor Goodale & Troy Alberga.

**The design of the camp every year:** To instill within our young people the confidence and skills necessary to take an active role in the work of the church, now and for the rest of their lives.

**The emphasis of this year's camp:** A study of "Why I Am a Member of the Church of Christ" — a simple study of what the *Bible* teaches about the church of the *Bible*.

**Another outstanding camp this year! Thanks to all who helped!**



By Dan Jenkins

## Paul's Plans, Closed Doors and Providence

The study of Paul's life gives real insight into the doctrine of the freewill we have as we serve our God. In our arrogance sometimes we may think we are wise enough to determine what we should do. Take a moment to reflect on this as we look at Paul's plan to go to Ephesus, Bithynia and Rome to preach the word.

One cannot read the book of Acts without seeing Paul's desire to get the gospel into the great city of Ephesus. As he began his second missionary journey, he first visited the congregations he had established in Phrygia and Galatia on that first journey. He then headed toward Ephesus and the Roman province of Asia. His desire to go this area did not happen as he planned. The door was closed and his plans changed. The Bible says, "They were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia" (Acts 16:6).

With that door closed they headed north with a new plan. Paul and Silas and Timothy decided to "...go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them" (Acts 16:7). There were souls in Europe who needed the gospel and in a vision Paul saw a man from Macedonia who was pleading with him saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:10). He immediately headed toward Macedonia and in a short time estab-

lished two powerful congregations—Philippi and Thessalonica. The door into Europe was opened into both of the provinces of Greece (Macedonia and Achaia). It is interesting to note that as Paul finished his second journey, he stopped at Ephesus and when they asked him to stay, he said, "I will return again to you, God willing." Isn't this what James said we should say as we make plans? "Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or do that'" (Jas. 4:15).

**Look at Paul's life to see how "closed door" may open to greater ones**

When Paul began his third journey, he headed straight to Ephesus where he stayed for three years. Hundreds, perhaps thousands were converted and even publicly burned their pagan books. "So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed" (Acts 19:20). This same chapter says, "All who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus" (v. 10). The door was now open, but not when Paul first thought he should have gone to that great city.

Space does not permit us to look at all the details of Paul's plan to preach in Rome. As his third journey ended, he wrote to the Romans telling them of his plan to come to Rome and then carry the gospel to Spain (Rom. 1:10, 13, 15; 15:28). Read how this story turned out in the closing chapters of Acts.

So, when troubles come into your life, take comfort that God used closed doors to open doors into greater works! Remember to always say, "If the Lord wills, I will..."



By David Sproule

## Persuasion to Become a Christian

In Paul's defense before King Agrippa and the governor Festus, in Acts 26, he made a direct appeal to the king's knowledge and faith in the prophets (26:26-27). Agrippa's "almost" response has troubled and even hunted many for the last two millennia. "You almost persuade me to become a Christian" (26:28). What does this rejection by the King show us is required to become a Christian? Persuasion!

First, consider the source of the persuasion. The gospel is "the power of God to salvation" (Rom. 1:16), and Paul knew that. He spoke "the words of truth and reason" (26:25) about "the Christ," who came to "suffer" and to "be the first to rise from the dead" (26:23). It is the wonderful news about the saving love and sacrifice of Jesus that compels us (2 Cor. 5:14) and calls us (2 Thess. 2:14) to the Lord. Jesus Himself said, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself" (John 12:32). The only source of persuasion that is truly available and should ever be utilized is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Second, consider the one who persuades. Persuading an individual to become a Christian must never be about the persuader himself or herself but about Christ (1 Cor. 2:1-2). Paul did not make himself out to be anything. In fact, he iden-

**"You almost persuade me to become a Christian."**

tified himself as one who had been extended the amazing grace of God and was humbly obeying the commission that had been given to him (26:1-23). If we are going to "be well pleasing to Him," then we must "persuade men" (2 Cor. 5:9-11). That involves stepping out of our comfort zone and initiating conversations that will help prepare people to "appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (5:10).

Third, consider the method of persuasion. Various efforts can be persuasive, but not all methods are appropriate when seeking to persuade someone to give their life to Christ. Proper and effective persuasion must be motivated by love (Eph. 4:15), saturated with grace (Col. 4:6), moved with compassion (Matt. 9:36-38), engaged in with humility (Rom. 12:3) and presented with gentleness and respect (1 Pet. 3:15). Our methods of persuasion must never get in the way of the persuading power of the gospel itself.

Finally, consider the focus of the persuasion. There are lost souls all around us who desperately need Jesus (Luke 15:4). Most of them do not even realize it. Agrippa did not realize how urgently he needed to be persuaded to become a Christian. Sadly, there is no evidence that he ever was "altogether" persuaded. Who have you been trying to persuade for Christ? Don't give up! Who will you meet this week who needs to be persuaded? Don't miss any opportunity!





By Robert Lupo

## Do I Need to Obey or Just Believe?

John 3:16 is one of the most well-known verses in the Bible. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This passage has been used by many to downplay the importance of baptism and obedience all together. Is belief all that is needed to be saved?

The New Testament is filled with passages that proclaim the essentiality of baptism. Mark 16:16 says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." In Acts 2:38, Peter proclaims, "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" And 1 Peter 3:21 tells emphatically, "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." But what does John, chapter 3 really teach?

In John 3, Jesus is having a conversation with Nicodemus about what it means to be born again. Nicodemus asks in verse 4, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" His ques-

tion shows that his first interpretation of Jesus' words was a literal rebirth. This is obviously impossible. Jesus cannot be talking about a literal birth. So, Jesus answered him, "...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." If a literal birth cannot be Jesus' point, then this leaves only one option for what being born of water can be. Jesus is saying you must be baptized.

Nicodemus, the man Jesus spoke to, was a Pharisee (John 3:1). A Pharisee would have understood what baptism was. John the baptizer had been baptizing for some time prior to this meeting and some of the Pharisees even came to him to be baptized (Matt. 3:7). So, when Jesus told him to be born of water, he was living in a context that understood Jesus to be speaking of baptism.

John 3 continues this theme, recording John the Baptist's explanation of Jesus' baptism (v. 27-36). In his conclusion, the NKJV translates verse 36, "...he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." This may lead someone say that he is emphasizing belief. However, the ESV, NASB, and ASV provide a more accurate translation, "he who does not obey." Throughout the Bible, nothing is emphasized more than obedience. It is how we express our love to God (John 14:15). If we do not obey God, we will not enter His kingdom, and baptism is an act of obedience.

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## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Who did you pray for today?

James 5:16 states it rather simply, "Pray for one another." So, do we? Who have you prayed for today?

Have you prayed for the elders of the church and their wives? What about elders of the Lord's church all over the world? Have you prayed for the deacons and their wives? Have you prayed for the preachers and their wives? Have you prayed for those doing mission work around the world? Have you prayed for the widows in the church? Have you prayed for the Bible class teachers? Have you prayed for the young people in the church? Have you prayed for their parents? Have you prayed for young couples in the church? Have you prayed for those who are babes in Christ? Have you prayed for those who were struggling with their faith? Have you prayed for those who have fallen away from the Lord? Have you prayed for every Christian to have more boldness to teach the gospel to others? Have you prayed for members of the congregation who are dealing with various life's struggles? Have you prayed through the church directory?

Did you let any of them know? – DS



### Bent on being bent out of shape

How would you describe your disposition? How would you describe your general attitude? Are you generally a positive or negative person? What is your standard mindset? Is your default to find fault? Are you bent on being bent out of shape?

If anyone had a right, from a human perspective, to be bitter and bent out of shape because of circumstances, it was Paul while imprisoned in Rome. And, yet, when one reads the book of Philippians, he finds just the opposite. Paul was devoted to "prayer" (Phil. 1:3-4). He found "peace" in prayer (4:6-7). In the midst of his suffering, he wrote, "I am glad and rejoice with you all" (2:17). So much of this is the mindset that one sets out to develop and flourish. When one "meditates" on things that are "true...noble...just...pure...lovely...of good report" (4:8), instead of the opposite of those things, it defines his perspective on all things.

What if we were bent on rejoicing in the Lord, regardless of what's going on around us (4:4)? Could we find enough reasons to be filled with "joy" (2:2) and "thanksgiving" all of the time (4:6)? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Pete Brown</b>	going home Thursday (6/19)
<b>Tom Garrison</b>	successful heart procedure
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	still dealing with severe leg pain
<b>Kasandra Jones</b>	recovering from heart surgery
<b>David Lord</b>	new infusion medication, fatigued and side effects
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	dealing with a lung infection
<b>Isolyn Sinclair</b>	injection for her back and ankle, in a lot of pain
<b>Ricky Smith</b>	had 5 teeth pulled recently

## 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 These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Daniel Greaves</b>	Dannette Margarini's father, hand injury
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, undergoing cancer 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	

**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 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.

## Monday, June 23

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

## Tuesday, June 24

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

## 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.

## Saturday, June 28

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Sunday, June 29

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Wednesday, July 2

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Frizzell will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Seeking Lost Souls?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Thursday, July 3

- ♦ **Baseball Game & Fireworks** at Roger Dean Stadium at 6:00 p.m. All members are invited. Tickets are \$8 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

## Wednesday, July 9

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Jonny Singh will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Content with What He Provides?" 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.

### Thursday, July 3

- ♦ **Baseball Game & Fireworks** at Roger Dean Stadium at 6:00 p.m. All members are invited. Tickets are \$8 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board. See Jeff Leslie 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.



## **Palm Beach Lakes** **Youth**

### Sunday, June 22

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes.** Ages 3-Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2.

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

- ♦ **Sr. High & Adult Mission Trip.** Please keep the mission team in your prayers. See Robert Lupo for details.

### Wednesday, June 25

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

### Sunday, June 29

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

### Sunday-Saturday, July 13-19

- ♦ **Forever Camp at CFBC for Age 10-Grade 12.** Campers, please register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> a Andres & Angelica Fernandez	<b>2</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Terry Frizzell</b> a Ryan & Ola Hankins a Richard & Debi Watson b Misty Hayes	<b>3</b> ☆ <b>Baseball Game &amp; Fireworks at Roger Dean Stadium</b> b Bethany Leslie b Julie Watson	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> b Debora Lynch b Jim Rogers b Amy West
<b>6</b> a Derrick & Stahia Banks a Paul & Sonia Davidson b Jeff Goodale	<b>7</b> a Ted & Laura Schuemann	<b>8</b> a Paul & Lisa Metzkes	<b>9</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Jonny Singh</b>	<b>10</b> b John Loftis b Sarah Smedley	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> ☆ <b>MOM Group Dinner &amp; Devotional</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> a Can & Dannette Margarini b Kasandra Jones	<b>15</b> a Robert & Norma Mariano	<b>16</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Jamey Hinds</b> b Jim Davis b Astrid Menendez	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> a Chuck & Marisa Reeves b Carolina Beliech	<b>19</b> a David & Traci Sproule b Jeff Leslie
<b>Forever Camp at CFBC (July 13-19)</b>						
<b>20</b> ☆ <b>Back-to-School Supplies Project</b> ☆ <b>EDP Meeting</b> b Gorman Ericksen	<b>21</b> a Kirk & Mendy Crews	<b>22</b> b Summer Snyder	<b>23</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Creston Frizzell</b> b Sarah Collier b Tina Wagner	<b>24</b> b Dan Jenkins	<b>25</b> b Kameron Heitler	<b>26</b> ☆ <b>PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting</b> ☆ <b>Young Families Movie Night</b> b Marsha Beasley b Eva Fulton
<b>Upward Bound at CFBC (July 19-23)</b>						
<b>27</b> b Willie Cox b Tiffany Mayes	<b>28</b> a David & Skye Brown b Joy Cantrell	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Mauricio Yegros</b> b Victor Colage	<b>31</b> b Robert Mariano		

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
June 15



We rejoice with **Argentina Xiques** who was baptized on Sunday, June 15.



**Wedding  
Announcement**

Congratulations to **Dan Chang** and **Kinsey Hayes** who were married on Saturday, June 14.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
*This Week*

Monday, June 23rd

Namddie & Ekaette Ikon (Ann.)  
Israel Cuevas

Wednesday, June 25th

Rodney Woods

Tuesday, June 24th

Bret & Shelley Nesbitt (Ann.)

Saturday, June 28th

Reanna Lupo  
Cheryl Milton

## 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 22

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

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Taylor Reeves
Steward Lynch	Trevin Roman
Tim Mahlbacher	Nahum Villard
Robert Mariano	Lawrence Williams

### Sunday Evening, June 22

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer .....Stephen Beliech  
Scripture Reading .....Phil Porter  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Joe Maloney  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Ricky Smith

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga      TBD

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

### Wednesday Evening, June 25

Singing .....Chuck Reeves  
Invitation .....Freddie Gadson  
Family Prayer .....Paul Metzkes

## Our Record

Attendance	Jun 15	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	162
Sun. AM Worship	274	259
Sun. PM Worship	97	100
Wed. Bible Study	137	123
Contribution	\$15,343	\$16,020

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$9,680

Service Coordinator:  
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Tim Fry  
Safety Team for this week: Namddie Ikon

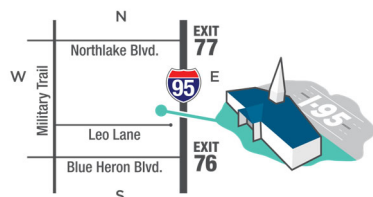




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*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: **Maxine McCoy and Dan & Judie Jenkins**

## Mark Your Calendar!

June 25

**Controlling My Temper?**

*Ben Griffin*

July 2

**Seeking Lost Souls?**

*Terry Frizzell*

July 9

**Content with What He Provides?**

*Jonny 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.