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Rick Hall ..... 622-5131  
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## A New Deacon

Serving at Palm Beach Lakes



## Andy Fernandez

**Appointed as a deacon on Sunday, July 20, 2025**

*"For those who have served well as deacons obtain  
for themselves a good standing and great boldness in  
the faith which is in Christ Jesus"  
(1 Timothy 3:13).*

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world  
and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon  
the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**PSALM 24:1-2**



By Dan Jenkins

## The Psalms Show Us the Way

The book of Psalms allows us to see deep into the heart and soul of the man whose heart mirrored the heart of God. The words of these psalms and the depth of the spirituality behind them should become the words of our hearts. Early in this book, David said, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer” (Psalm 19:14). These words are followed by more than a hundred psalms where we see the words of David and look into his heart. When we read and meditate on these words from his mouth, they allow us to see his heart and then our hearts can become like the heart of God.

Almost every emotion of our hearts can be found in the psalms as we meditate on them. There are psalms written when David was so filled with despair that he was about to turn from God (Psalm 73), and there are those where David was filled with exaltation of the grandeur of being in God’s presence. Our emotions differ from day to day, and since almost all emotions are found in the psalms, there are psalms that fit each period of our lives.

To see this illustrated, take a moment to look at Psalm 63. David was dealing with those who were seeking to destroy him (v. 9), but instead of looking at them he looks toward God.

The greatness of God is so far greater than what others were doing, and David fully saw this.

He recognized that God was supreme, and God was personally concerned about him. “O God, You are my God” (v. 1). His soul and his body began early each day by praising God. He looked at God and saw his power and glory (v. 2). Every day David spent seeing His greatness—he blessed his name and lifted up his hands toward heaven (v. 4).

**Let the words of David become our words as each day we seek to follow God**

Though there were those who sought to destroy him, David ended each day mindful that God would help him. “I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches” (v. 6). He never forgot that God had helped him in the past and he had lived “...in the shadow of Your wings” (v. 7).

Note carefully his words, “My soul follows close behind you” (v. 8). God was His guide who led him in paths of righteousness, but David did not follow him from a great distance. He was a close follower of Him whose right hand upheld him. He knew that ultimately he would triumph over his enemies (v. 10). He praised God with his lips (v. 3) and his mouth praised God with joyful lips (v. 5).

Should not we say to God, “Let the words of OUR mouth and the meditation of OUR hearts be acceptable in your sight”? David has shown us how to do this!



By David Sproule

## Your Life Is Not Just a Vapor

When talking about the brevity of life, we often quote James 4:14, which illustrates life as “even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” That is a vivid reminder of how fleeting life is. But the Bible uses many illustrations to emphasize the brevity, temporary nature and limitations of human life. Consider these, in addition to a vapor.

**Life is like a swift runner.** “Now my days are swifter than a runner; they flee away...” (Job 9:25). This is likely a reference to a courier who carries messages quickly from one place to another.

**Life is like a soaring eagle.** “My days are...like an eagle swooping on its prey” (Job 9:26). An eagle moves speedily and unstoppably upon its prey and then it’s gone. If you blink, you miss it.

**Life is like a weaver’s shuttle.** “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and are spent without hope” (Job 7:6). That shuttle darts back and forth across the loom so quickly that it’s hard to keep up, and before you know it, it’s done.

**Life is like a shadow.** “Our days on earth are a shadow...like a passing shadow” (Job 8:9; Ps. 144:4). A shadow does not last—it moves and then disappears quickly.

**Life is like a flower.** “His days are like grass; As a

flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more...the flower fades...all fade as a leaf” (Psa. 103:15-16; Isa. 40:6-8; 64:6). Life is fragile and temporary; eventually it withers away.

**Life is like a handbreadth.** “Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths...” (Psa. 39:5). “My life on earth is but a span”—just a few inches long like the width of my hand.

**Life is like spilled water.** “For we will surely die and become like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again” (2 Sam. 14:14). The passing of life is irreversible—once gone, it cannot be recovered.

**Life is like a tent.** “If our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed...taken from me like a shepherd’s tent” (2 Cor. 5:1; Isa. 38:12). A tent is a temporary dwelling, quickly dismantled. It is not meant to last.

**Life is like a mist.** “You are just a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes” (Jas. 4:14, ESV). So, we finish where we began. A mist is only present briefly and then it disappears quickly. That is what life is like.

Contrast that with eternity, which never ends. What you are doing with your vapor now will determine where you will spend your forever. No wonder the very next verse emphasizes to live as “the Lord wills” (Jas. 4:15). Are you?

**The brevity, temporary nature and limitations of human life**



By Robert Lupo

## When Are They Old Enough?

How do you know when your child is old enough to be baptized? Whenever I hear the question, I immediately know that the person asking already understands much of what the Bible says concerning baptism. It means they know that the Bible clearly teaches that baptism saves (cf. 1 Pet. 3:21). It also means that they know that children do not need baptism until they reach the “age of accountability” (cf. Ezek. 18:19-20; Jas. 4:17; Matt. 18:3). It also means that they truly want their child to go to heaven. So, how do you know when they are old enough?

The basis for our answer is found right at the beginning of the church in Acts 2. In verses 36-38, Peter tells the Jews assembled at Pentecost, “Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, **whom you crucified**, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘**Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...**’” Here we can see the parameters for baptism. To be baptized there must be guilt, sorrow for that guilt, a change of mind toward guilt, and the understanding of baptism’s ability to remove that guilt. So, here are some questions to ask that will help you know if they are old enough.

**To be baptized  
there must be  
guilt...**

First, is your child guilty of the blood of Jesus Christ? In 1 Corinthians 15:3, the Bible says, “...Christ died for our sins...” If Jesus died for sins, then someone is only guilty if they have sins. We already referenced James 4:17 in regard to the “age of accountability.” The Scripture says, “...to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” So, a child becomes guilty of sin when they understand the difference between right and wrong. Before this, they are innocent.

Second, does your child regret their sins and want to change? 2 Corinthians 7:10 says, “For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation...” It is one thing to understand right from wrong. It is another thing to feel regret for wrongdoing and then decide to live differently. They cannot be saved without repenting.

Third, does your child understand the purpose of baptism? Acts 22:16 shows us that baptism washes away sins. A child that is ready for baptism understands why they are doing it. Otherwise, it is a purposeless act. They cannot be baptized if they are not able to describe a biblical understanding of it.

Is your child old enough to be baptized? There is a lot more to be said on this topic, but these three questions are a biblical starting point. If you work hard to know your children well, then the answers will come easily.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### His cam

Much has been made about what the “Kiss Cam” at a concert caught. Many lives have been changed dramatically since that 3-second clip went viral. Many jokes have been made about that man and woman. Yet, the sad reality is that the sin that was caught on camera had already been going on for some time, and it is symptomatic of the prevailing immorality all around us.

So, what about you? What could a potential “Kiss Cam” catch you doing with someone you shouldn’t be doing? What could a potential “Cuss Cam” catch you saying that you shouldn’t be saying? The reality is that long before this “Kiss Cam” caught anything, “God’s Cam” already saw it. “All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account” (Heb. 4:13). “Every secret thing” is no secret to God (Ecc. 12:14). The same is true of you and me.

What happened that night is a fulfillment of Numbers 32:23, for when one sins “against the Lord...be sure your sin will find you out.” What is His cam seeing? What do you need to change? – DS



### His cam catches the good, too

Social media went crazy when a concert’s “Kiss Cam” exposed the hidden sin of two people. Yet, there was “nothing hidden from His sight” at all (Heb. 4:13). It is easy to think about all of the “bad stuff” that we do that God sees. But, remember, that’s not all that God sees.

God’s cam catches us doing good and doing right, too. Focus on the last part of the last verse of Ecclesiastes, “For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecc. 12:14). Did you catch that? God is aware of “every secret thing” that is “GOOD”! Three times in Matthew 6, Jesus tells us, “...your Father...sees in secret” (6:4, 6, 18). Sometimes we may think that God is only trying to “catch us” doing wrong. Such is far from the truth! Our Father, even more, is eager to “catch us” doing good!

Other people may never know the time, effort, money and personal sacrifice that you put into serving others, helping others, doing good in the church, etc. And they don’t need to! God’s cam is always rolling! He sees! He will reward! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Ally Alberga</b>	having abdominal surgery on August 1
<b>Mike Archer</b>	recovering from cataract surgery
<b>Skye Brown</b>	recovering from cataract surgery
<b>Debora Lynch</b>	cataract surgery on July 24
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering at home from surgery on her mouth

## 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>Jerry Davis</b>	Judy Bird's brother, two heart stents, two more on 7/29
<b>Matthew DiNetta</b>	Tom DiNetta's son, undergoing medical tests
<b>Don Fields</b>	Trish Clark's brother, fell and is very bruised and sore
<b>Vera Gibson</b>	Ophelia Holmes' sister, dealing with back issues
<b>Tom Holaday</b>	Dave & Loretta Holaday's brother, in rehab after stroke
<b>Roy Willis</b>	Shelley Nesbitt's father, undergoing tests

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

<b>Millie Ames</b>	<b>Daniel Johnson</b>
<b>Josie Dawson</b>	<b>Kasandra Jones</b>
<b>Zula Garrett</b>	<b>Leigh Puckett</b>
<b>Dick Haines</b>	<b>Don Seay</b>
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	<b>Ricky Smedley</b>

## 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, July 28

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

## Tuesday, July 29

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

## Wednesday, July 30

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Mauricio Yegros will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Pursuing Peace with All?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Monday, August 4

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, August 5

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

## Wednesday, August 6

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, August 6 (cont.)

- ♦ Baptiste Joseph will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Unashamedly Defending His Truth?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

## Thursday-Monday, August 14-18

- ♦ **PBL Group to Polishing the Pulpit.** Please keep this group in your prayers as they travel. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

## Friday-Thursday, August 15-21

- ♦ **Polishing the Pulpit.** Thousands of Christians will gather in Sevierville, Tennessee for a time to refresh, renew and recharge. Visit [polishingthepulpit.com](http://polishingthepulpit.com) for details.

## Saturday, August 23

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

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Sunday, July 27

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. Do you have a Bible question that you would like answered? Please place it in the mailbox in the classroom or give it to Ivan Villard.

### Saturday, August 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. 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. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Saturday, October 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Tim & Beth Fry. See Ivan Villard for more details.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, July 27

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Lunch & Meeting** after morning worship in the Family Room. See Robert Lupo for details.

### Sunday, August 3

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

### Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

### Sunday, August 17

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.
- ♦ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Robert Lupo for details.

### Sunday, August 24

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up.

# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - August 2025

August 3 <sup>(A)</sup>

August 10 <sup>(L)</sup>

August 17 <sup>(A)</sup>

August 24 <sup>(A)</sup>

August 31 <sup>(A)</sup>

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Philip Porter	Dan Fuller	Jeff Goodale	Victor Colage	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reader	Orlando Lolo	Dan McLeod	Kirk Crews	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table	Richard Watson	Paul Metzkes	Gary Jenkins	Stephen Beliech	Dan Jenkins
Serving at Table	Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Todd Juckett Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Bret Nesbitt Taylor Reeves Lawrence Williams	Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Ed Gager Justin Kelly Chuck Reeves, Jr. Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez	Casey Crews Connor Goodale Jack Holoman Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder Marty Williams	Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Todd Juckett Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman Nahum Villard	Ed Buonadonna Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Dan McLeod Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez Darin Summerlot
Closing Prayer	Robert Mariano	Richard Watson	Michael Erickson	Ricky Smith	Andres Fernandez

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Stephen Beliech	Douglas Alvarenga	Eugene Williams	Tom Garrison	
Scripture Reader	Joe Maloney	Mike Damron	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry	
Presiding at Table	Tom Garrison	Darin Summerlot	Ivan Villard	Philip Porter	
Serving at Table	Rick Hall Trevin Roman	David Perez Daniel Wagner	John Patrick Jim Rogers	Joe Maloney Nahum Villard	
Closing Prayer	Troy Alberga	Dirk Summerlot	Mike Archer	David Lord	

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Nahum Villard	Addison Collins	Jimmie Banks	Lawrence Williams	David Lord
Usher	Victor Colage Tim Fry	Rick Hall Gary Jenkins	Lance Collier Islay Rodriguez	Rick Hall Bret Nesbitt	Chuck Reeves, Jr. Dirk Summerlot

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Rick Hall (AM) Robert Lupo (PM)

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,  
July 20

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mr. & Mrs. Roxroy & Karen Edmondson; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. Jo'Sies Kelly; Mr. James Lang; Miss D.L. Moore; and Ms. Atalia Williams.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr., Lake Placid, FL; Mr. Bob Higbee & Trey, Henderson, TN; Ms. Helen Hunter, Lauderdale Lakes, FL; Ms. Penny Nelson, Pensacola, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Bette Sproule, Anderson, SC; and Mr. Ryan Stark, Copperas Cove, TX.

Thank You  notes

Palm Beach Lakes Family,

I can't thank the Palm Beach Lakes family enough for the outpouring of love you have shown our family after the passing of our mother. Thank you for the cards, texts, and the food—it was all appreciated more than words can say. I also want to thank everyone who visited my mom and spent time with her during her final years in the nursing home. It touched my heart to know the love this church has for each and every family member.

With Love,

The Metzkes, Allen and Reed Families

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Sunday, July 27th

Willie Cox  
Tiffany Mayes

Wednesday, July 30th

Victor Colage

Monday, July 28th

David & Skye Brown (Ann.)  
Joy Cantrell

Thursday, July 31st

Robert Mariano

## 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, July 27

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Leslie  
Scripture Reading ..... Dan Jenkins  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Eugene Williams  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Tim Cox

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews      Bret Nesbitt  
Michael Erickson      John Patrick  
Connor Goodale      Jim Rogers  
Michael Menendez      Joseph Snyder

### Sunday Evening, July 27

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Jimmie Banks  
Scripture Reading ..... Rick Hall  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... John Hoelzer  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Islay Rodriguez

Serve at Table:

Jack Holoman      Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

### Wednesday Evening, July 30

Singing ..... Freddie Gadson  
Invitation ..... Victor Colage  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

## Our Record

Attendance	July 20	Jun Avg
Sun. Bible Study	149	142
Sun. AM Worship	221	256
Sun. PM Worship	110	106
Wed. Bible Study	116	143
Contribution	\$15,802	\$17,012

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$3,673

Service Coordinator:  
Tim Cox

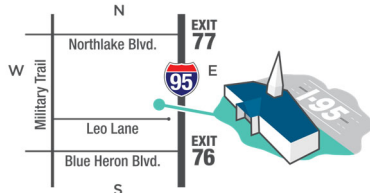
Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Marty Williams  
Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews



# 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: **Gary Friedly**

## Final Lessons!

July 30

**Pursuing Peace with All?**

*Mauricio Yegros*

August 6

**Unashamedly Defending  
His Truth?**

*Baptiste Joseph*

Summer Series Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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Previous Lessons

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