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PALM BEACH LAKES at POLISHING THE PULPIT

renew. refresh. recharge.



32 Souls from PBL traveled over 800 miles to Sevierville, Tennessee to spend four days at this year's Polishing the Pulpit, to have their souls fed and to fellowship with thousands of fellow Christians. *Lives were changed eternally, and they got to see 15 former PBL members.*

Will you be going next year (August 14-20, 2026)?



By Dan Jenkins

No Man Is Justified By the Law

When you first read the words of Paul in Galatians 3:11 you may not immediately understand the impact of what He said. "But that no one is justified by the law is evident..." This truth forces you to deal with how men were saved during the times of the Old Testament if no one is justified by the law. How could anyone be saved from Adam to the coming of Jesus?

When God revealed His covenant at Mount Sinai, He told them to offer sacrifices. Why? As He described the various animal sacrifices He repeatedly said, "And it shall be forgiven" (Lev. 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:10, 13, 16, 18; 6:7; 19:22; Num. 14:19; 15:25, 26, 28; Deut. 21:8). More than a dozen times God told them their sins would be forgiven when they offered the sacrifices. How then can Paul describe some who did these very things and much more yet were not forgiven? Paul does say that no one is justified by the law!

What about Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Jacob and so many others, especially David? They lived under the Old Testament, and no one doubts their salvation, yet Paul said that no one is justified by the law. How can this be?

What about those in Hebrews 11. So many righteous people are listed there, and then the writer adds these words,

"Time would not permit me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson, also of David and Samuel and the prophets" (Heb. 11:32). Yet, Paul said that no one is justified by the law.

The writer then lists verbs, nouns and adjectives to describe the righteousness of these unnamed saints. "Through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness; obtained promises...quenched fires...valiant...tortured...trials of mockings and scourgings...chains...imprisonment...stoned...sawn...slain...wandered in deserts and mountains...dens...and caves..." He then shows the assurance of their salvation by saying, "All these having obtained a good testimony through faith." They were accepted and saved while living under Old Testament law. Yet, Paul said that no one is justified by the law!

The key to understanding how this could be is to look at New Testament scribes and Pharisees. They sought salvation by their own acts of righteousness based on the law. They boasted of the fact that they fasted twice every week, gave alms (with sounding trumpets) prayed long prayers (on street corners) etc. What was missing? Paul says, "Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law" (Rom. 9:32). Faith without obedience is dead faith; but obedience without faith is just as dead! Knowing the Bible but seeking salvation without faith leads to disaster. Is it possible that some today are making this same mistake?

**What would a
"Pharisee" look
like in the Lord's
church in our
own day?**



By David Sproule

The Truth About Jesus (Part 3 of 7): The Great Vindication

The transforming truth of Jesus Christ is certain, supreme, clear and relevant to our lives (1 Tim. 3:16a). Paul outlines six pivotal elements of this truth, which are critical to understanding and appreciating the magnitude of Jesus Christ and His plan for us. We studied first the great incarnation.

Second, Paul emphasizes THE GREAT VINDICATION: "He was vindicated by the Spirit."

What does that mean? Some of the older translations had "justified in the Spirit" (KJV, NKJV) or "justified in the spirit" (ASV). "Justified" is a good translation of the Greek word, as that is how it is most often translated, but it is not implying that Jesus had sins from which He needed to be "justified." The term also means "to vindicate, to prove to be right, avouch to be good and true." When and how did that happen in the life of Christ? While this could be talking about Christ's human "spirit" (with a lower case "s," as in the ASV), it seems to be more likely pointing to Christ being vindicated or proved to be right by the Holy Spirit. Let's consider three specific times when the Holy Spirit is seen avouching for Christ.

Jesus was vindicated by the Spirit at His baptism. Jesus was baptized in order "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15) and, more especially, to prove His divine identity. John

was told, "Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). When "the heavens were opened" and "the Spirit of God" descended "like a dove" upon Jesus, John said, "I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God" (John 1:34).

Jesus was vindicated by the Spirit in His power over evil spirits. In the face of denial and rejection, especially by the Pharisees, who accused Jesus of working for the devil, "the ruler of the demons" (Matt. 12:24), Jesus was able to state and to prove (for there was no other plausible explanation) that He "cast out demons by the Spirit of God" (Matt. 12:28). Jesus had power over evil because He worked in concert with the Spirit of God Himself, not the devil!

Jesus was vindicated by the Spirit in His resurrection. "Lawless hands" took Jesus and "murdered" Him "by hanging on a tree" (Acts 2:23; 5:30; 10:39). But God was not done proving who Jesus is! Jesus Christ was "declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). The Spirit worked to prove the deity of Christ!

This indisputable truth ought to transform our lives toward godliness! As the Lord's church, we are "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). We must know it! We must teach it! We must defend it! (more next week)

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By Robert Lupo

It's a Heatwave

Have you noticed how hot it has been lately? It's not too surprising when you live in Florida and it's the middle of August, but this summer seems particularly hot.

Too much sun can be very dangerous. If you aren't careful to apply sunscreen you can end up with a bad sunburn in minutes. If you don't drink enough water or stay in the sun too long you can become dehydrated or suffer heat stroke. You have to take the heat seriously. You need relief.

When the heat is bearing down on you, nothing feels better than a cloud coming over and providing some shade. Suddenly, you can open your eyes wide and take in the breeze as long as the cover remains.

Our lives can sometimes feel like we're under a heatwave. While we expect things to go wrong every now and then, sometimes a bunch of things can go wrong at once. Between trying to pay bills, taking care of our families, and maintaining our relationships, there is a lot of room for things to go haywire. When problems pile up, we can easily become overwhelmed with stress and worry. We may find ourselves wishing that our problems would just go away but lacking the hope that they ever will.

**God doesn't
want you to
suffer.**

Thankfully, there is a solution to our troubles. In Isaiah 25, the prophet tells us about the wonderful God we have. He is a God who is faithful and true (v. 1). He is a God who protects His people (v. 2). But He is also a God who gives His people relief. In verse 4, Isaiah says, "For You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat..." God doesn't want you to suffer. He wants to give you relief.

The Bible is filled with passage after passage that describe God's desire and ability to take our burdens away. In Psalm 23:3, David writes that God "...restores my soul." 1 Peter 5:7 tells us that God "...cares for you." Philippians 4:19 says, "...my God will supply every need of yours..." God desires to care for us, and we can rest assured that He is.

God cares so much for our well-being that He centered His divine will around our greatest need. Back in Isaiah 25, God's ability to shade us from evil is most perfectly fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. "He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces...We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation" (v. 8-9).

There will be times when it seems nothing is going right. But there is a cloud of relief coming. If we faithfully wait on the Lord, He will rescue us from all of life's worries.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"We're doing this for God—He'll accept it!"

It is interesting how man has made worship more about "man" and "man's likes" than he has about God and God's demands. There is a mentality, which is often voiced, regarding worship that, "We're doing this for God, to give the praise to Him. He will accept it." Unfortunately, such sentiments are actually proven completely contrary to what God will accept.

Many examples of worship in the Bible could be cited to show that God, in fact, does not accept just any effort of man to worship Him, including Cain (Gen. 4:3-5), Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3), King Saul (1 Sam. 13:1-14), many Jews (Matt. 15:8-9), etc. But consider closely the sincerity of the persons who will say to Jesus at the judgment, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" (Matt. 7:22). It is not enough to think that the Lord will accept what I do for Him (including in worship)! We must truly do "the will of [the] Father in heaven" (7:21)! Does your worship follow the demands of God in the New Testament? — DS



"Fight against those who fight against me"

King David faced much opposition in his life. Many times he had to flee and run for his life. His enemies were not always foreign nations, but sometimes his own king (Saul) and sometimes his own son (Absalom). David's heart is transparent as you read through the book of Psalms, as he lays it open in his appeals to God. Consider this one from the first verse of Psalm 35: "Fight against those who fight against me."



David makes that appeal because he knows that God had already been doing that, so he has absolute confidence, in the midst of his despair, that God will certainly continue to fight for him.

What about you? Do you know that God will fight for you (Deut. 1:30; 20:4)? Do you know that God is more powerful than any enemy you face, including and especially the devil (1 John 4:4)? Do you know that the strength for your battles comes only from the Lord (Eph. 6:10-18)? Do you know that it doesn't matter who is "against us" when "God is for us" (Rom. 8:31)? — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ally Alberga	recovering from abdominal surgery
Mike Archer	recovering from a medical procedure
Carolyn Cullom	being treated for an infection
Dave Holaday	recovering from eye surgery
Debora Lynch	recovering from cataract surgery
Janice Maloney	recovering at home, still not full strength
Cheryl Milton	recovering from surgery on her mouth
Jackie Stout	being treated for Afib, pacemaker surgery on Aug. 21
Betty White	dealing with high pressure in both eyes

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jean Charles	Anthioda Charles' son, recovering at home
Jerry Davis	Judy Bird's brother, recovering from heart stents
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, dealing with kidney disease
Daniel Greaves	Dannette Margarini's father, surgery on his hand (Sept.)
Tom Holaday	Dave & Loretta Holaday's brother, in rehab after stroke
Scott Kelley	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, blood clot in his leg
Sue Vallee	Scott Studer's sister, recovering from lung cancer surg.
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, back in the hospital

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, August 24

- ♦ **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.

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

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

Friday, August 29

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring finger food sandwiches to share. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring an item for the service project, if you are able. All ladies are encourage to come and enjoy this time of fellowship. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

Saturday, September 6

- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brenda Collier. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18. See Beth Fry, Misty Hayes or Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, September 7

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home Begins.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by Sunday, October 5 and place them in the box in the Lobby.

Saturday, September 13

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

Sunday, September 14

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, August 24

- ♦ **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, September 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Bring sides, desserts and drinks. 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.

Saturday, October 18

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Hot dogs will be provided for dinner. Wear your costume!



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, August 24

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

Saturday, August 30

- ♦ **Sr. High Basketball Hangout** at 5:00 p.m. Meet at Osborne Park to play basketball followed by dinner at the home of Darin & Brittany Summerlot. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, August 31

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, September 7

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 b Jordan Beasley, III	2 b Ashley Alfaro b Owen Miley b Jessica Ramirez b Nahum Villard	3	4 a Gary & Doris Friedly b Brittany Summerlot b Marty Williams	5	6 ☆ MOM Group Dinner & Devotional b Derrick Banks
7 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High Devo ☆ Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home b Bill Ingram, Jr. b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner	8 b Trinity Franck b Verdell March b Can Margarini	9 b Jennifer Walker	10	11 a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss	12 b Darin Summerlot	13 ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon ☆ Young Adult Devo
14 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Josh Blackmer b Taylor Hayes	15	16 a Justilien & Adelene Honore b Peggy Hall	17 b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes b Sadie Myrie	18 b Marcia Kelley	19 b Justilien Honore	20 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Eleventh Street ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Concord Street
21 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship ☆ Sr. High Devo	22 b Luann McLeod	23	24 b Sabrina Swayne	25 b Paul Davidson b Dan Fuller	26 b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers	27 ☆ Teacher Appreciation Banquet
28 ☆ Friends & Family Day with Kyle Butt b Graysen Hayes	29 b Judy Bird b Angelica Fernandez b Bobby Shelton	30 b Calissa Hodges				

RUSH Weekend at FHU: Grades 8-12 (September 25-28)

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 17

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mr. & Mrs. Roxroy & Karen Edmondson; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Hunter Hannaman; Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Julianne Henderson; Miss Kaya Langley; Ms. Tamara Langley; Mr. Elijah Langley; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; and Ms. Mornese Paige.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Miss Harper Hannaman; Ms. Abi Monti; Mr. Jordan Smith, Tampa, FL; and Mr. Ryan Stark, Copperas Cove, TX.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*



Sunday, August 24th
Turkessa Staley

Wednesday, August 27th
Daniel Lord
Allison Snyder

Friday, August 29th
Jordan Beasley
Amira Hill
Sterling St-Cyr

Saturday, August 30th
Dion & Misty Hayes (Ann.)
Mary Brown

All PBL ladies are invited to participate in the **"Digging Deep" Bible Study** beginning in September that will be led by Misty Hayes & Lisa Metzkes. Sign up on the bulletin board. There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 24 after morning worship in Adult 1-2 for all ladies who are interested.

Thank You Note

Thank you, my Christian family, elders and preachers for the prayers, texts and cards on behalf of my niece's passing. Also, thank you for all the cards from the Ladies' Prayer Group. You all touched mine and my family's hearts!

Trish Clark

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, August 24

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Robert Mariano
Singing
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Ricky Smith

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Steward Lynch
Namddie Ikon	Taylor Reeves
Todd Juckett	Trevin Roman
Orlando Lolo	Nahum Villard

Sunday Evening, August 24

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Tom Garrison
Scripture Reading Tim Fry
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Lord

Serve at Table:

Joe Maloney	Nahum Villard
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Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, August 27

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation David Lord
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	Aug 17	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	126	151
Sun. AM Worship	202	228
Sun. PM Worship	89	101
Wed. Bible Study	126	118
Contribution	\$16,644	\$16,019

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,355

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

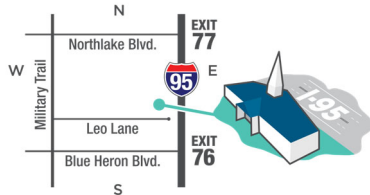
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Bret Nesbitt
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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: Paul & Lisa Metzkes, Dan & Loni Fuller, Robert & Reanna Lupo

What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

He created you
(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you
(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you
(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you
(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

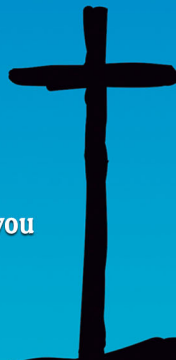
He was raised from the dead for you
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you
(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven
(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)