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5 STEPS OF SALVATION (ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE)

1. Believe Jesus is God's Son

ACTS 16:31

*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and you will be saved."*

2. Repent of your sins

ACTS 3:19

*"Repent therefore and be converted,
that your sins may be blotted out."*

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

ROMANS 10:9

*"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
...you will be saved."*

4. Be baptized to be saved

ACTS 2:38

*"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in
the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."*

5. Live faithfully unto death

REVELATION 2:10

*"Be faithful until death,
and I will give you the crown of life."*



By Dan Jenkins

Are You Concerned About the Future?

It was Jesus who described the final judgment and discussed the right hand and left hand of the Judge of all mankind. It is truly the most sobering thought that you and I will be there and hear the judgment given as to where we shall be forever and ever.

Every person who has ever lived will be there, for the graves will have been opened. The Judge said, "The hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth" (John 5:28-29). Paul described it, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body" (2 Cor. 5:10).

The universe, the heavens and the earth will have ceased. Their time of existence will terminate on that day of judgment (2 Pet. 3:7). This is the day "...in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10).

The judgment will take place, and like a shepherd in ancient days separated the sheep from the goats in his flock, so the Shepherd will separate the righteous from the ungodly. You and I will be placed with the righteous "sheep" on His right hand or the unrighteous "goats" on His left hand. The final judgment will happen in this way.

How we live and make choices is determined by how we view the coming future

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'" (Matt. 25:34). His final message to those on His left hand will be, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). You and I will hear one or the other of two sentences—"Come, you blessed of My Father," or "Depart from Me, you cursed."

The reality of this time should impact every decision we make and the basis on which we make them. Nothing in this material world will matter, for none of it will exist when time ends. Most people you know think about their future, and they only focus on and value these temporal things. Many have elevated their judgment about how to live each day, but the only truth about the future is the truth from God.

You and I have a view of the future, but we must realize the truth about the future is found in the God of truth. One truth cannot be changed. You and I will without any doubt experience it. "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal" (Matt. 25:46). Think soberly about the closing words of Peter's second epistle, "Since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?" (3:12).

Think soberly about these words!



By David Sproule

Single Parents in God's Family

The toughest job in the world today is being a faithful Christian parent! While it can be difficult for a faithful dad and faithful mom to raise faithful kids together, the task is exponentially tough for a single parent doing it alone, or the Christian parent with an unbelieving spouse. If this is you, may I

offer you some encouragement? Let's focus for a moment on what you do have instead of on what you don't have.

Remember that you are not alone in this!

Know without any doubt that God sees you, hears you and is walking with you every day. Read about how He cared for Hagar (Gen. 16:1-13; 21:15-21), the widow of Zarephath (1 Kgs. 17:8-24) and Eunice (Acts 16:1-3; 2 Tim. 1:5). Your God is actively present in your home with you (Heb. 13:5-6). Count on it!

Remember the Bible example of one faithful parent who raised a strong, faithful child. Timothy's dad was an unbeliever (Acts 16:3), but his mother raised a powerful servant of God. How did she do it? First, Scripture lived in their home from Timothy's infancy (2 Tim. 3:14-15), and faith was lived out in front of him (2 Tim. 1:5). Second, we see that she leaned on a godly grandparent (2 Tim. 1:5). You can do this!

Remember that God will fill in the gaps where you feel that you struggle. He said that He will give you wisdom

when you ask (Jas. 1:5). He said that He will give you strength, even in the midst of your weakest moments (2 Cor. 12:9-10; Eph. 6:10). He said that He will provide your needs (Matt. 6:25-34). Trust Him! There is no single Christian parent who He has ever left alone! Let Him be the Father in your home!

Remember to fill your home with Scripture and prayer. Regular Bible study time and even Scriptures posted around the house (Deut. 6:4-9) remind your child of God's love and wisdom. Opening your heart to God in prayer and teaching your child to do the same (Phil. 4:6-7) will help them to put their trust in Him and lean on Him. If your child sees this in you, there is nothing more valuable that you could give them. Little moments can have big impacts!

Finally, remember that your church family surrounds you and your children. God designed the church to bear burdens together, encourage one another and help your family flourish in Christ (Gal. 6:2, 10; Eph. 4:16; 6:1-4). You are NOT alone! You are surrounded by Christians who can be spiritual grandpas, grandmas, uncles and aunts. You are loved! And you may not realize it, but your steadfastness is an encouragement to the rest of us!

You are not forgotten by God (Heb. 6:10)! Do not grow weary (Gal. 6:9) or think you are alone (Matt. 28:20)! God will do great things for you and with you! You've got this!

God sees you, hears you and is walking with you every day!



By Robert Lupo

An Active Christian Remains a Christian

In the middle ages, the joust became a very popular event. It was a battle between warriors of the noble class showing off their skills to win prizes. It was very dangerous and violent.

The event mainly served as entertainment for the people, but there were a couple secondary benefits. It kept the skills of these professional soldiers sharp, and it served as an outlet for their aggression. Knights were raised for the purpose of battle. They went through years of rigorous training from a young age so that they could effectively fight wars. If that kind of skill isn't put into practice, there is a high chance they might lose it or find themselves getting into trouble.

Something very similar can happen when a Christian doesn't actively practice their faith. Christians have been created for a very important purpose: to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18-20). The New Testament tells us that we are to be soldiers for Christ in this effort (1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Tim. 2:3). We have been issued weapons to fight this battle (2 Cor. 10:4-6; Eph. 6:17), we have been fitted with armor to protect us (Eph. 6:11-18), and we have been taught how to use them (2 Tim. 1:13; 3:16-17). If we do not put these into practice, we will lose them, and we will probably find our-

selves getting into trouble.

It is hard for a lazy Christian to remain a Christian. A soldier of Christ requires training. 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If we are lazy in our studies, we will grow weak in the knowledge of the Bible.

The gospel message was the primary drive for Paul and the early church.

A soldier of Christ also requires missions. The gospel message was the primary drive for Paul and the early church. Paul said in Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." If we are lazy in sharing the gospel, we will lose our purpose.

When Christians forget their purpose, it becomes much easier to fall into sin. 2 Thessalonians 3:11 tells us of Christians who stopped working and became disorderly and busybodies. Instead of being occupied with the Lord's work, they fixated on the affairs of others. What was Paul's solution? In verse 13, he tells us, "...do not grow weary in doing good."

As soldiers of Jesus Christ, we have the most important purpose in the entire world: to bring souls to Jesus. If we want to remain in Christ, we cannot neglect our purpose.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Congregational activity vs. individual responsibility

Since the congregation is singing in worship, does that alleviate my responsibility to sing to the congregation? No (Eph. 5:19). Since the congregation has a program to care for widows, does that remove my responsibility to visit and look after the widows of the congregation? No (Jas. 1:27). You see, congregational activity does not take the place of my individual responsibility.

Apply that to the Great Commission. Since the congregation is supporting missionaries around the world and posting teaching materials on its website and paying a fulltime preacher, does that waive my responsibility to personally teach the gospel to lost souls? No, it does not (Matt. 16:15). Imagine God saying these exact words to you: "The things that you have heard... commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).

A congregation may be very evangelistic (and hopefully all congregations are!), but the Great Commission is given to us individually, as well. How are each of us doing with that? – DS



Name brand matters

The price of name brand medications today can be extremely expensive, but generic brand often saves a huge amount. The same goes for name brand foods, as the generic brand (or store brand) can sometimes be half the price. This leads many to avoid the name brand as much as possible and just go with the cheapest option.

Unfortunately, this mentality can sometimes creep into one's religion, as well. We sometimes want the "easy" or "less demanding" religion, or the one that is "closest to where I live," or the one with "the most convenient service times," or the one with "the largest number of followers," etc. We set up our own criteria and satisfy ourselves with the one that satisfies us the most.

The Bible says that "there is no other NAME" than Christ by which "we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), that "all" we do must be done "in the NAME of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17), and that "every knee should bow" at "the NAME of Jesus" (Phil. 2:9). There is only ONE NAME (brand) that matters and that saves! It's HIS way or NO way! Avoid cheap imitations! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Patricia Hackshaw	dealing with multiple health issues
Dianne Halenda	blood clot in her leg causing pain and swelling
Marisa Reeves	undergoing medical tests
Sherri Richmond	recovering from heart catheterization
Giselle Smith	JFK Medical Center, recovering from gallbladder surgery
Jackie Stout	Gardens Court, rehab for broken leg

Ongoing Health Issues

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Lillian Cunningham	Mary Brown's sister, recovering from hip replacement
Garry Lyons	Gwen Lyons' brother, recovering from open heart surg.
Anthony Puckett	Amberdenise Puckett's brother, health issues
DeRita Summerlot	Darin Summerlot's mother, undergoing medical tests
Marion Vanderwende	Karen Lester's mother, recovering from another surg.
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, back in the hospital

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams

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, December 14

- ♦ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, December 15

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume in January 2026.

Tuesday, December 16

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January 2026.

Tuesday, December 23

- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. All classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Wednesday, December 24

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** Instead, we will meet on Tuesday, December 23.

Saturday, January 3

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

Sunday, January 4

- ♦ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!
- ♦ **Meeting of All PBL Men** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, January 5

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.
- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, December 14

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. All young adults are encouraged to join as we continue our study on "Fundamentals of the Faith."

Saturday, January 3

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

Monday, January 5

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Saturday, January 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, January 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 7:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 21

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference Sign-Up Deadline.** Cost is \$40. This is the final day to sign up and pay Robert Lupo.

Wednesday, December 31

- ♦ **Bible Card Trading & Treats for Jr. High & Under** after Bible Class in the Family Room. Bring your AP Bible cards to trade and enjoy some sweet treats together to celebrate the final day of the year! See Ivan Villard for more details.

Wednesday-Thursday, December 31-January 1

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lock-In** from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Bring \$5 for food. PBL members, please see Robert Lupo if you are able to chaperone.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - January 2026

January 4 ^(A)

January 11 ^(L)

January 18 ^(A)

January 25 ^(C)

Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Ivan Villard	Tim Fry	Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reader	David Brown	James Green	Bret Nesbitt	Freddie Gadson
Presiding at Table	Paul Metzkes	Dan Jenkins	Robert Mariano	Dan McLeod
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Ken Gonsalves Dan McLeod Darin Summerlot Dirk Summerlot	Casey Crews Kirk Crews Connor Goodale Sylvester Jackson Michael Menendez Islay Rodriguez Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder	Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman Nahum Villard Lawrence Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Ken Gonsalves Can Margarini Rick Price Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez
Closing Prayer	Phil Porter	Jeff Leslie	Paul Metzkes	Dan Fuller

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Ivan Villard	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Dan Fuller	Jeff Goodale	Tom Garrison	Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	John Patrick	Andres Fernandez	Paul Metzkes
Presiding at Table	David Lord	Jimmie Banks	Joe Maloney	Dirk Summerlot
Serving at Table	Israel Cuevas Rick Price	Kameron Heitler John Hoelzer	Jack Holoman Ricky Smith	David Perez Daniel Wagner
Closing Prayer	Douglas Alvarenga	Mike Archer	Philip Porter	Darin Summerlot

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Darin Summerlot	Vincent Rogers	Rick Hall	David Lord
Usher	Rick Hall Bobby Shelton	Kane Campbell Marty Williams	Victor Colage Tim Mahlbacher	Tim Cox Chuck Reeves, Jr.

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

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,
December 7

Lightpost

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, December 14th

Tim Fry
Patricia Hackshaw
Daisy Lord
Juliette Mauvais

Friday, December 19th

Victor & Sandy Colage (Ann.)
Patricia Patterson
Mary Quinn

Thursday, December 18th

Rick & Melinda Price (Ann.)

Saturday, December 20th

Eugene Williams



Midweek Bible Study

on Tuesday, Dec. 23

Instead of Wednesday, Dec. 24

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, December 14

Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Singing Gary Friedly
Scripture Reading David Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan McLeod
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Freddie Gadson

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Can Margarini
Mike Damron	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Bobby Shelton
Ken Gonsalves	Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, December 14

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Douglas Alvarenga
Singing
Lord's Supper Darin Summerlot
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Ed Gager David Perez

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, December 17

Singing Chuck Reeves
Invitation Tim Cox
Family Prayer David Lord

Our Record

Attendance	Dec 7	Nov Avg
Sun. Bible Study	159	164
Sun. AM Worship	247	239
Sun. PM Worship	122	103
Wed. Bible Study	112	116
Contribution	\$19,633	\$16,532

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,116

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

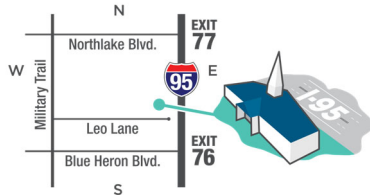
Ushers for this week: Rick Price & Dirk Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: Addison Collins



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.



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