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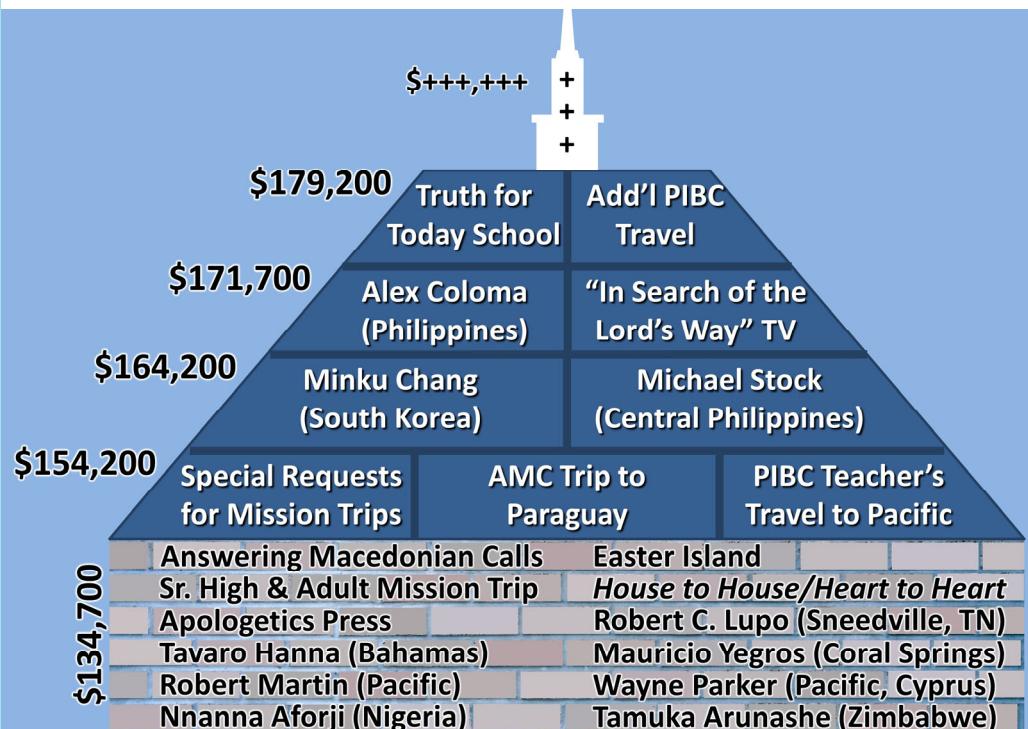
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MISSION SUNDAY 2026

January 25

***Every dollar given will be used
for PBL Mission Work.***



***May God bless us,
use us & be glorified in us!***





Every Secret Thing Matters

The closing words of the book of Ecclesiastes should be remembered by every person on this earth. The wisest man of the Old Testament, Solomon, said, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (12:14). That phrase, "every secret thing," when fully understood, will change your life.

It will help those who are all alone and feel like that person who sent invitations to come to his "pity party" and no one came. David said, "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul" (Psa. 142:4).

The circumstances which trigger this despair may vary from person to person and from one situation to another. It might have happened at work or within the family or in another of life's situations. We were trying to do what Jesus said, and it seemed nothing good came out of it. When others spoke harshly and judgmental of us, we kept on speaking good to them. We wanted to do what Jesus told us to do, "Bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). It did not seem to help; in fact, it got worse. We sit and wonder just how anyone could be so wicked.



A Verse Too Often Overlooked

I remember a young lady once hearing a lesson on First Thessalonians 5:22 and coming out and saying, "I had no idea that verse was in the Bible." Like many, she had danced around various worldly behaviors, trying to justify certain ones with statements like, "Well, the Bible doesn't really address that specifically." This verse hit her hard. While it's a short verse, it certainly packs a punch.

God warns His people throughout Scripture about "evil" and the present and eternal dangers associated with it. He tells us to "Abhor what is evil" (Rom. 12:9) and to "not be overcome by evil" (Rom. 12:21), for "the face of the Lord is against those who do evil" (1 Pet. 3:12). First Thessalonians 5:22 goes a little deeper than these passages.

The word "abstain" is a strong term. It is an imperative, denoting a direct command from God. It is in the middle voice in Greek, which emphasizes the direct involvement of the subject in action for which he has a vested stake. The present tense stresses the ongoing, continuous nature of this command. The Greek word for "abstain" means "to avoid contact with, keep away, refrain from, hold oneself from." There is no middle ground with this term—it involves absolute avoidance, being distant from something.

This is when we need to remember what Solomon said about every secret thing. They did not win! The final chapter has not been written for that event, perhaps known by so few. It all changes when we remember that God will bring every secret thing that is said or done into the judgment.

It may be that we are discouraged because others do not appreciate what we are doing in helping others, especially our brothers and sisters. At such a time, we need to listen to

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to do right and
always wrong to
do wrong. It is
always wrong...**

Solomon's words about secret things. Jesus saw the widow's two mites. He sees even a cup of cold water we give to others. Secret things. However, not one single word or one single deed will be overlooked by Jesus. He remembers every good thing and every one of them will be brought into judgment.

So how should we react to events like those just described? Paul said, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). How others respond does not matter. Whether we are appreciated or not does not matter. God sees us. He sees those who wrong us. He sees every event in our lives that surrounds us. Every secret thing is remembered!

Do not ever forget this: "It is always right to do right, and it is always wrong to do wrong. It is never right to do wrong and never wrong to do right. This is right because the Bible." Secret things matter to Him!

**Anything that is
"like" evil is
"evil"!**

The word "every" is an all-inclusive term. The same Greek word is used in Second Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." No Scripture is left out of that. The same word is in Hebrews 3:4, "Every house is built by someone." There are no exceptions to that. When God commands to abstain, avoid, keep away from "EVERY" of any thing, there are no exceptions or anything left out.

The word for "form" means any "variety or kind." The KJV translation of "appearance" is also good, as the Greek word can mean "outward appearance," as in "the appearance" of Jesus' face in Luke 9:29. Even more specific than abhorring, in general, what is evil (Rom. 12:9), this text underscores that every kind or appearance of evil must be avoided.

In a similar way, Galatians 5:19-21 spreads God's disapproval over any form of sin by listing a variety of sinful vices and then adding, "and the like," to cover anything else "like" these that may not be specifically mentioned. Anything that is "like" evil is "evil"!

As I seek to walk faithfully with the Lord, I must not quibble about whether a particular practice is specifically mentioned in the Bible or not. Every single kind of evil, without any exception, is condemned by God in Scripture and must be kept away from continually by God's children, if we are to "be holy in all [our] conduct" (1 Pet. 1:15-16).



What Makes the Bible So Great?

There are so many things we could say about what makes the Bible so great. We could talk about how it was transferred and preserved over so many centuries or how it never contradicts itself though it was written by about 40 men of incredibly diverse backgrounds. But, sometimes it's best to just let the Bible speak for itself. In Psalm 19, verses 7-9, David gives us six reasons why the Bible is so great.

First, David writes, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul..." (v. 7a). God's Word is the ultimate apologetic. It never makes mistakes. It is perfectly in harmony about the nature of God and His desire to rescue man from sin. The Bible continues to change the hearts of man to give up worldliness and embrace godliness.

Second, "The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple..." (v. 7b). The word "sure" means "faithful, reliable, or permanent." We can trust the Word of God because it never changes. So, no matter who picks up the Word of God, they can trust in the wisdom it gives.

Third, "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart..." (v. 8a). The Bible is never wrong about how we ought to live. If we are doing what the Bible says, then we know we are doing the right thing. What a relief it is that we do not have

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to be in the dark on moral dilemmas.

Fourth, "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes..." (v. 8b). Sometimes the way we perceive things clouds our judgment. As Jesus explained in Matthew 7:3-5, we must remove the planks from our eyes so that we can see clearly and judge others righteously. So, how do we clear up our preconceptions? We must see what the Lord commands in His Word and not go beyond it or take away from it.

Fifth, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever..." (v. 9a). The Bible teaches us our proper place before God. He is the eternal, loving Creator of the universe. If we submit to His will, the Bible shows us that we will live with Him forever.

Sixth, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether" (v. 9b). The Bible reveals the perfect character of our heavenly Father. I can rest assured that all things that God has decreed are what is best for me. I have no need to question His perfect judgment.

The Bible is the greatest book ever written because it is the Word of the living God. How precious are the words of God to you? Verse 10 of Psalm 19 says, "More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Do you desire to study the Bible like you should? Do you talk to others about the Bible like you should? How great is the Bible to you?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Nobody" does, but do I?

When the Bible says that something is "not wise," it ought to cause us to really pay attention. In 2 Corinthians 10:12, Paul shows us that it is "not wise" to spend any effort in "measuring" ourselves or "comparing" ourselves with others. Doing so will usually make us either feel guilty or feel better. But what others do or don't do is not our standard! Consider one application.

Sometimes we might say, "Nobody speaks to me at church." But, rather than use that as my standard, do I myself openly, lovingly, intentionally speak to others at church? We might say, "Nobody invites me out to lunch." But, do I invite anyone else out to lunch? We may say, "Nobody invites me over to their house." But, do I invite anyone to my house?

God says, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Prov. 18:24). Rather than measure out what we might consider the "unfriendliness" of others, let us set an example of our own in reaching out, engaging, fellowshipping, encouraging and bonding with our brethren. Such will bless all of us reciprocally! – DS



Love triumphant still in death

The words of the song are over 180 years old. One would think that something written that long ago could not retain its meaning in modern times. Such a conclusion would be mistaken. John R. Wreford (in 1837) wrote the hymn, "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak." The words of that hymn are so moving. Consider this fourth verse, "There behold His agony, Suffered on the bitter tree; See His anguish, see His faith—Love triumphant still in death."

Think about those last words: "Love triumphant still in death." The concepts of "death" and "victory" do not often go together. Usually "death" is associated with "loss" or "defeat"—but not when it comes to our Lord! "Through death," Jesus was able to "destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14-15). His love was "triumphant still in death."

What about us? Will our "love" lead us to triumph in our service to the Lord? Only if we do not give up! No matter what happens to us, if we focus on magnifying Christ in all things, then even for us, death can be "gain"—i.e., ultimate victory (Phil. 1:20-21)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	Gardens Medical Center (room 247), undergoing tests
Sonia Davidson	recovering from cataract surgery, next one is on 1/28
Tristan Dubuisson	Krystian's son, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical testing
Mary Beth Hester	dealing with the flu
Todd Juckett	hernia surgery on February 20
Charlene Knowles	dealing with pain in her knee

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Jackie Stout	trouble walking

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Willie Evans	Rosa Nash's brother, in ICU with pneumonia
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, dealing with the flu again
Tania Llarena	Islay Rodriguez's sister, multiple myeloma cancer
John Lord	David Lord's father, still dealing with prostate cancer
Joel Owens	Cindy Nelson's father, biopsy on February 8

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kassandra 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, January 25

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!
- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

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

Thursday, January 29

- ♦ **“Digging Deep” Women’s Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Misty Hayes or Lisa Metzkes for more details.

Saturday, January 31

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Gathering** at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See John Hoelzer for more details.

Monday, February 2

- ♦ **Men’s Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building.

Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be *“Family Strong: Building Homes That Last.”* Childcare provided on Saturday—RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Saturday

10:00 a.m.	<i>What Drives Your Family?</i>
11:00 a.m.	<i>10 Priorities in Our Home</i>

Sunday

9:00 a.m.	<i>7 Dangers Killing the Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	<i>What Does It Mean to Build an Intentional Family?</i>
12:45 p.m.	<i>Learning to Raise Failures</i>

Sunday, February 8

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Saturday, February 14

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Please RSVP to Robert Lupo by Sunday, January 25.

Young Adults

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

Sunday, January 25

- ♦ **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.”*

Friday, January 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nicole Freseman. Bring finger foods, desserts, and drinks to share. We will be doing a “Second Chance Gift Exchange.” Got a gift that wasn’t quite your style? Bring it (max value: \$25) and give it a second life with someone else! See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be *“Family Strong: Building Homes That Last.”* Childcare provided on Saturday—RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Saturday, February 21

- ♦ **Chill & Grill Day hosted by the Young Adults** at 2:00 p.m. on the church property. See Ivan for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, January 25

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

Friday, February 13

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet Set-Up** at 7:00 p.m. for Jr. High & Sr. High. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, February 14

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants. RSVP to Robert Lupo.

Thursday-Sunday, February 19-22

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** in Pigeon Forge, TN. Cost is \$40 per person. Meet at the church building on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and return late Sunday evening. See Robert Lupo for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - February 2026

February 1 ^(P)

February 8 ^(A)

February 15 ^(L)

February 22 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Kirk Crews	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Dan Jenkins
Scripture Reader	Kane Campbell	Orlando Lolo	Paul Metzkes	Connor Goodale
Presiding at Table	Jeff Goodale	Phil Porter	Dan Fuller	Jimmie Banks
Serving at Table	Casey Crews Connor Goodale Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder Marty Williams	Ryan Hankins Jack Holoman Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Bret Nesbitt Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman	David Brown Ed Buonadonna Gorman Erickson Gary Jenkins Can Margarini Chuck Reeves, Jr. Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez	Michael Erickson Jeff Goodale James Green Michael Menendez Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder Marty Williams
Closing Prayer	Islay Rodriguez	Tom Garrison	Dave Holaday	Jeff Leslie

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Graysen Hayes	Ivan Villard	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Eugene Williams	Bret Nesbitt	Darin Summerlot	Kane Campbell
Scripture Reader	Rick Hall	Joe Maloney	David Lord	Casey Crews
Presiding at Table	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry	Douglas Alvarenga	Ivan Villard
Serving at Table	Sylvester Jackson John Patrick	Todd Juckett Ricky Smith	Ken Gonsalves Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Rick Hall Kameron Heitler
Closing Prayer	Mike Archer	Andres Fernandez	Daniel Wagner	John Hoelzer

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Jack Holoman	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Ivan Villard	Buzz Nelson	Buzz Nelson	Addison Collins
Video	Ed Gager	Scott Studer	Ed Gager	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Michael Erickson	Nahum Villard	Addison Collins	Kirk Crews
Usher	Jimmie Banks James Green	Tim Cox Namdidie Ikon	Freddie Gadson Dirk Summerlot	Islay Rodriguez Eugene Williams

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 worshiping with us

Sunday,
January 18

Lightpost

Kyle Prichett placed membership on Sunday, January 18.

Lynne Jorgensen is no longer using her home phone number.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, January 26th
Jimmie Banks
Winifred Patterson

Tuesday, January 27th (cont.)
Ed Buonadonna

Tuesday, January 27th
Christene Bean

Saturday, January 31st
Mary Jackson

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Vita Chery; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mrs. Jean Piers; Mr. Bernard Santini; and Ms. Staci Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Ms. Theresa Debose, Jacksonville, FL; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Weston & Megan Nesbitt, Winter Springs, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Sanaa Perry, Jacksonville, FL; Mrs. Beth Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL; Mr. Jim Shiver, GA; Mr. Ross Tieder, Westin, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Peggy Tiffin, Red Bay, AL; and Mr. Thomas Williams, Nashville, TN.



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, January 25

Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Singing Robert Lupo
Contribution Dan McLeod
Scripture Reading Freddie Gadson
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Serve at Table:
Ed Buonadonna Can Margarini
Addison Collins Rick Price
Gorman Erickson Bobby Shelton
Ken Gonsalves Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, January 25

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Singing
Lord's Supper Dirk Summerlot
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:
David Perez Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Ivan Villard
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, January 28

Singing Chuck Reeves
Invitation Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Jan 18	Dec Avg
Sun. Bible Study	149	152
Sun. AM Worship	254	249
Sun. PM Worship	104	106
Wed. Bible Study	109	106
Contribution	\$19,767	\$17,145

2026 Weekly Budget: TBA

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



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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Upcoming Events

February 7-8

Family Strong Seminar with Steve Minor
Theme: "Building Homes That Last"

March 20-22

Good News Weekend with Justin Rogers
Theme: "God Is Still Here"

April 16

Ladies' Day with Emily Hatfield

May 2

Elders' Workshop with Jeff Jenkins

May 2

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

May 3

Friends & Family Day with Jeff Jenkins