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# FAMILY STRONG SEMINAR

Building Homes That Last



**FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026**



**Steve Minor**  
Wylie, TX

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**10:00 a.m. What Drives Your Family?**

**11:00 a.m. 10 Priorities in Our Home**

**12:00 p.m. Pizza Lunch Provided**

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**9:00 a.m. 7 Dangers Killing the Family**

**10:00 a.m. What Does It Mean to Build an Intentional Family?**

**11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch**

**12:45 p.m. Learning to Raise Failures**



## Jesus Created “Deviled Ham”

I remember as a child that we ate lots of Spam and Deviled Ham. I cannot understand why, but obviously many still like the taste. Though I did not understand why that ham had that name, I ate it. I like deviled eggs and devil's food cake, so I learned to eat Deviled Ham.

Read the rest of this article to see why it can be said that it was Jesus who made the first “deviled ham.” When the Messiah came, He had to manifest His omnipotence, His power over everything. He showed His power over nature by turning water into wine, stilling the tempest and multiplying loaves and fishes. He showed His power over disease and immediately cured every diseased person ever brought to Him.

However, there had to be a manifestation of His power over Satan who used death as a way of creating great fear of death and the unknown. Jesus showed His power over death and through His death destroyed Satan who seemed to have the power of death. He delivered mankind from the bondage of Satan's power (Heb. 2:14-15).

In the first century, there were many who were demon-possessed. While these evil spirits were mentioned rarely in the Old Testament, they were rampant when Jesus came. Think of how often, as you read the New Testament, you see



## What Does the Bible Say About Speaking in Tongues?

The supernatural ability of speaking in tongues was one of the miraculous, spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gave to early Christians, along with gifts such as healing, working miracles, prophesying, casting out demons, taking up serpents, drinking deadly poisons, etc. (1 Cor. 12:7-11; Mark 16:17-18).

What can we know from the Bible about speaking in tongues?

**Tongues were actual, known, spoken languages in the first century.** Upon the first occasion when tongues were spoken in the New Testament, God defined them. When the apostles “began to speak with other tongues” (Acts 2:4), “everyone heard them speak in his own language” (2:6; cf. 2:11)—the “language in which [they] were born” (2:8). Tongues were real, comprehensible, native languages spoken by those who had never studied them.

**Tongues had a defined purpose of converting unbelievers.** The Holy Spirit revealed that “tongues are for a sign...to unbelievers” (1 Cor. 14:22). When early Christians “went out and preached everywhere,” the Lord was “working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs” (Mark 16:20; cf. Heb. 2:3-4). Unbelievers could be convinced of the validity of the message preached when they heard it proclaimed in a language not native to the speaker.

By Dan Jenkins

Him casting out demons. It was not just the sick that were cured by Him, but numberless demon-possessed people were brought to Him and He cured them all. Every instance of Him doing this was a visual manifestation of His power over Satan and his power.

There was one occasion when Jesus confronted a man who had a legion of demons inside of him. (This incident is recorded in Matthew 8, Mark 5 and Luke 8). The name of the man was Legion, a military term indicating at least 6,000 soldiers. The demons knew their destiny was to be sent into the abyss (the Greek word here is sometimes translated “deep,” and this abyss is the same word translated “bottomless pit” in Revelation). They begged Jesus to postpone that time (Matt. 8:29) and instead cast them into a herd of swine.

This request was granted by Jesus and the legion of demons in this one man left the man and entered the herd of about 2,000 swine. You know what swine are. They are hogs which give us ham. The demons entered the swine, the hogs, the ham, and so it was Jesus who made deviled ham!

Demon possession is mentioned in Zechariah 13 which foretold that when the Messiah came as a fountain to remove sin, two other things would end. There would no longer be prophets to reveal the Testaments and there would no longer be demon possession. His work ended both of these!

**Jesus had to manifest His power over nature, disease and Satanic power**

## What Does the Bible Say About Speaking in Tongues?

**Tongues were designed by God to have a limited duration and to cease in the first century.** The Spirit affirmed, “tongues...will cease...when that which is perfect has come” (1 Cor. 13:8-10). Early Christians had “part” of divine revelation while the New Testament was still being written. When the completed (i.e., perfect) revelation of Christ's New Testament had come (John 16:13; 2 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3), the miraculous “part” (spiritual gifts) would be “done away” (1 Cor. 13:10).

**The gift of tongues ceased in the first century**

If the Holy Spirit is still empowering Christians to speak in tongues today, then such would be (1) real, known languages (not unintelligible sounds), (2) controlled with only two or three taking turns (1 Cor. 14:27-32), (3) imparted only by the hands of a living apostle (Acts 8:14-19; 19:6), and (4) only one of all other miraculous powers still occurring, including healing, working miracles, casting out demons, taking up serpents, drinking deadly poisons, raising the dead. Most of all, if the Holy Spirit is still empowering Christians to speak in tongues today, then such would unequivocally confirm that we do not have the completed revelation of God, which Scripture insists that we do (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3).

Like all other miraculous gifts, tongue-speaking fulfilled its God-given purpose of confirming the spoken word, which we have in written, completed form today. According to the Bible, the gift of tongues ceased in the first century.



## When Empathy Becomes Dangerous

Have you seen this cliché in movies before? A heart-broken character receives a hand on the shoulder and a friend tells him, "I sympathize...No! I empathize with you." In this moment they want to portray that instead of feeling pity for their situation that they actually feel the same emotion as their unfortunate friend.

In modern conversation, you will often hear people esteem empathy as a far more preferable response to someone's plight. In some ways this can be true. To empathize with someone necessitates a close bond with someone. According to Oxford Languages, empathy is "the ability to understand and share the feelings of another." This can happen between two people that share a similar circumstance or worldview. For people experiencing tragedy, a word of empathy can often be more beneficial than sympathy.

In the Bible, Christians are taught to show empathy, especially toward one another. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." He also states in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Furthermore, Jesus demonstrated the very essence of empathy in His incarnation. Hebrews 4:15-16 tells us, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot

### "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Are you ready for Jesus to come? That can mean different things. It can mean—have you obeyed the gospel plan of salvation to have your sins washed away by the blood of Jesus, so that you are sin-free when He comes? It can mean—are you living faithfully to His commands as He has instructed us to do, so that He finds you actively doing His will when He comes? It can mean—are you tired, worn out, at your end and not sure how much you have left in the tank, so you'd be ok if He decided to come back now? It can mean—are you just so excited about the thought of seeing Jesus face-to-face, hearing His voice, feeling His embrace and spending every moment of eternity with Him that you just cannot wait to get that started?

The next-to-last verse of the Bible says, "Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20). Can you say that? Would you be unprepared if He came right now? Would you be disappointed if He came right now? Or would you be overflowing with excitement if He came right now? – DS



THOUGHT  
for the Day

sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Jesus feels pity for us (sympathy) because He lived as we do and shows us mercy (empathy).

However, empathy can also be dangerous. Sometimes people prioritize empathy so much that it leads to sin. In the verse right before Paul said, "Bear one another's burdens," he warned, "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1). Empathy should drive us to reach out and rescue others when they fall into sin. But we must be careful and not let that pursuit lead us into sinning ourselves.

Consider these examples. If a brother starts going to drinking parties, an empathetic Christian should be driven to confront them. But, if they go to the party, they may be tempted to join in. Or a Christian may become close friends with someone and later learn they are a homosexual. Their empathy for their friend may lead them to reject Biblical teaching in favor of their friend and fall into the sin of approving of sin (cf. Rom. 1:32).

Christians must have empathy for their fellow man. But empathy must be guided and limited by the Word of God.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### If you turned it off for one day

What if you took a slip of paper and wrote the answers to the following questions? If you turned off the television for one day, how many minutes would that give you? 30? 60? 240? If you turned off social media for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you turned off the video games for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you turned off

YouTube videos for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you jotted down some numbers for each of those questions, what would be the total? Do you know how much combined time the typical adult spends on these four media entertainment options each day?

The average is 7-8 hours each day. You may argue with that and say you are below average. Ok, what's your total? It's at least four hours, but probably closer to the average of 7-8 hours. This article is not telling you to turn everything off! But just to raise a question: what could you do for the Lord, for His church and for your own spiritual health if you took back just 1-2 hours each day? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	recovering at home, slowly doing better
<b>Sonia Davidson</b>	recovering from second cataract surgery
<b>Zula Garrett</b>	Jupiter Medical Center, undergoing tests, possible surg.
<b>Maria Hackshaw</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Namdidie Ikon</b>	Palms West Hospital, recovering from surgery
<b>Todd Juckett</b>	hernia surgery on February 20
<b>Charlene Knowles</b>	dealing with pain in her knee
<b>Luann McLeod</b>	dealing with back pain
<b>Can Margarini</b>	dealing with back and leg pain
<b>Islay Rodriguez</b>	procedure on February 12
<b>Amy West</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Evetta Wilson</b>	undergoing more medical tests

## Ongoing Health Issues

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

## 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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Willie Evans</b>	Rosa Nash's brother, in ICU with pneumonia
<b>Kori Grant</b>	Lizzie Rozier's daughter, dealing with health issues
<b>John Lord</b>	David Lord's father, still dealing with prostate cancer
<b>Joel Owens</b>	Cindy Nelson's father, upcoming biopsy
<b>Leonard Rozier</b>	Lizzie Rozier's brother, dealing with health issues
<b>Aliyah Sutherland</b>	Ayanna's daughter, undergoing medical tests
<b>Marion Vanderwende</b>	Karen Lester's mother, hospital last week, more tests

*Remember Our Mission Works*

*Pacific Islands*  
Robert & Mary Martin  
Wayne & Kristi Parker

*Africa*  
Nnanna Aforji  
Tamuka Arunashe

*Bahamas*  
Tavarro & Shameika Hanna

*United States*  
Apologetics Press  
Robert C. Lupo  
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

*Answering Macedonian Calls*  
Josh & Cara Blackmer



# Church Family *Calendar of Events*

## Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be "Family Strong: Building Homes That Last."

## Monday, February 9

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in Adult 3.

## Tuesday, February 10

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

## Wednesday, February 11

- ♦ **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.

## Saturday, February 21

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

## Saturday, February 21

- ♦ **Chill & Grill Day hosted by the Young Adults** at 2:00 p.m. on the church property. All PBL members are invited to come and enjoy this time of fellowship. See Ivan for more details.

## Friday, February 27

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

## Saturday, February 28

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship together.

## Monday, March 2

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

## Saturday, March 7

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule.

# Young Adults

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

## Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be "Family Strong: Building Homes That Last."

## 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.

## Saturday, March 14

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Estephany Hernandez. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Sunday, March 29

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All Youth and Young Adult families are invited to have lunch together and prepare advertising packages for this year's Vacation Bible School. Cost is \$5 per person (age 5 & up); kids under 5 are free. Please RSVP by March 25 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo @Ivan-Villard-1).



# Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, February 8

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on February 15.

## 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.

## Sunday, February 15

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

## Thursday-Sunday, February 19-22

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** in Pigeon Forge, TN. Meet at the building on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and return late Sunday evening.



# 33 Keys FOR A GOD-CENTERED HOME

by David Sproule

1. Model Jesus for everyone in your home (1 Cor. 11:1).
2. Pray together as a family at least once a day (1 Thess. 5:17).
3. Read a paragraph from the Bible (or a Bible story) every day (2 Tim. 2:15).
4. Make church services a priority every Sunday and Wednesday (Matt. 6:33).
5. Review and reinforce what they are learning in Bible class at church (2 Tim. 3:14-17).
6. Be actively involved in all age-appropriate and all-church activities (1 Cor. 15:58).
7. Listen to a chapter from Proverbs in the car each day (Prov 8:6).
8. Display Scripture in your home (Deut. 6:9).
9. Memorize one verse together each week (Psa. 119:11).
10. Pray for missionaries and lost souls together (Matt. 9:37-38).
11. Sing hymns or spiritual songs as a family sometimes (Eph. 5:19).
12. Find and use teachable moments to make spiritual applications (Deut. 6:6-7).
13. Diligently seek to catch your kids doing good and praise them (Prov. 12:25).
14. Lovingly correct and discipline inappropriate choices and actions (Prov. 13:24).
15. Lead them by example and instruction to participate in worship (John 4:23-24).
16. Encourage and prioritize close bonds with church friends (Prov. 27:17).
17. Have church members in your home regularly (1 Pet. 4:9).
18. Find small things that you can do as a family for folks at church (Gal. 6:10).
19. Speak kindly and favorably about church leaders and workers (1 Thess. 5:11-14).
20. Adopt a widow in the church to look after and encourage (Jas. 1:27).
21. Create a “no phones during family time” rule (Eph. 5:15-16).
22. Encourage children to participate in service projects at church (Gal. 5:13).
23. Write cards as a family to sick, shut-ins and visitors (Heb. 3:13).
24. Set aside regular one-on-one time with each child (Prov. 22:6).
25. Guard your home from worldly influences (media, music, entertainment) (Psa. 101:3).
26. Teach your children how to apologize and forgive (Eph. 4:32).
27. Make gratitude a daily part of your home life (Col. 3:15).
28. Eat meals together as much as possible—talk about God’s blessings (Deut. 6:12).
29. Create a home environment filled with kindness, humility and grace (Col. 3:12-14).
30. Let your children see you studying the Bible personally (2 Tim. 3:10).
31. Talk often about heaven and spiritual hope (Col. 3:1-2).
32. Set spiritual goals as a family for the year (Phil. 3:13-14).
33. Regularly remind your family of God’s love and your love for them (Jer. 31:3).

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
February 1



We rejoice with **Monica Brown** who was baptized on Saturday, January 31.

## **Birthdays & This Week**

### Monday, February 9th

Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)  
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)

### Thursday, February 12th

Dave Holaday

### Tuesday, February 10th

Pete & Pat Brown (Ann.)

### Friday, February 13th

Eugene & Penny Williams (Ann.)

### Wednesday, February 11th

David Brown

### Saturday, February 14th

Marty & Leslie Williams (Ann.)



## **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, February 8**

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech  
Scripture Reading ..... Orlando Lolo  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Phil Porter  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Tom Garrison  
Serve at Table:  
Ryan Hankins Robert Mariano  
Jack Holoman Bret Nesbitt  
Steward Lynch Taylor Reeves  
Tim Mahlbacher Trevin Roman

### **Sunday Evening, February 8**

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Bret Nesbitt  
Scripture Reading ..... Joe Maloney  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Tim Fry  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Andres Fernandez  
Serve at Table:  
Todd Juckett Ricky Smith  
Audio this week: David Brown  
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson  
Video this week: Scott Studer

### **Wednesday Evening, February 11**

Singing ..... Daniel Wagner  
Invitation ..... Freddie Gadson  
Family Prayer ..... David Lord

## **Our Record**

Attendance	Feb. 1	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	138	154
Sun. AM Worship	228	259
Sun. PM Worship	103	104
Wed. Bible Study	117	117
Contribution	\$15,571	\$18,214

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,749

Service Coordinator:  
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Namidie Ikon  
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



# 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: Mary Jackson & Jonetta Green

## New Bible Classes

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** at 9:00 A.M.

**FEBRUARY 15 - APRIL 12)**

### **Biblical Interpretation**

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

### **Young Adults: Moses and the Old Law**

Robert Lupo (Adult 3)

### **Insights into the Jewish Offerings and Holy Days**

David Sproule (Adult 1-2)

### **Sr. High: James & 1-2 Peter (Kirk Crews)**

### **Jr. High: Divided Kingdom (Dan Fuller)**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** at 7:00 P.M.

**(FEBRUARY 11 - APRIL 15)**

### **First Kings**

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

### **Ladies: Women of Deliverance**

Various Ladies (Adult 1-2)

### **Sr. High: Dating & Sexuality (David Sproule)**

### **Jr. High: Christian Evidences (Robert Lupo)**