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*Thank you,
Dion!*

**PBL Elder
January 12, 2025
— February 15, 2026**



While he only served for a short time, Palm Beach Lakes was very blessed to have Dion Hayes serving as one of the overseers of this congregation for the past year. Dion has a heart for people and a deep care for souls, which made him a very effective shepherd, always looking out for the members and reaching out to them.

Dion served as a deacon for three years, before being appointed as an elder in 2025. From the moment that Dion and Misty arrived with their family in 2019, they have endeared themselves to us and have been active, hard-working servants in so many different works of the congregation. Members of this congregation have grown to truly love this wonderful Christian couple and their family.

Dion and Misty, we will miss you immensely, as you move back to Oklahoma to be near family. But, we know that you will be a blessing to the church there!



By Dan Jenkins

Is Money the Root of All Evil?

In Paul’s description of the fact that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, there is a truth that can so easily be overlooked. We read his words and compare ourselves to the wealth of those in Palm Beach and then conclude that what is said has little to do with us.

Look at the context of Paul’s words in the sixth chapter of First Timothy. The chapter begins by describing those false teachers who were the source of envy and strife in the church. They were filled with pride, and it was manifested in the arguments they were using. Paul indicates that they were using religion as an avenue to get rich (v. 2-5).

Paul then sets the record straight with a simple statement, “Now godliness with contentment is great gain” (v. 6). The treasures that really matter are not those investments we make on this earth. Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matt. 6:19-20). The world believes that gaining possessions on the earth is the purpose of life. Those who are godly believe that great gain that is found above us, not around us!

To see why this is obviously true read what Paul says in verse seven. “For we brought nothing into this world, and it

is certain, we can carry nothing out.” This truth is reflected in Job, whose possessions are described as the greatest of all the people of the East (Job 1:3). He lost it all and reflected, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord’ (Job 1:21). His life so vividly describes the truth that true wealth is not found in the abundance of our possessions. It comes with godly contentment in our lives.

These words apply to those in West Palm Beach and those in Palm Beach

However, let us not overlook the fact that this truth is not just for those who are rich. Look carefully again at Paul’s words to Timothy. His words are written to those “who desire to be rich,” not just to those who are rich. Those who may have very little, compared to those who live in grandeur, can “...fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition” (v. 9). These words apply as much to those in West Palm Beach as to those in Palm Beach!

Money does not necessarily corrupt, but when one’s life consists only of gain, it destroys godliness. The lack of money is not the source of all evil—it is the love of money that corrupts. Mediate on what Paul says about having godliness with contentment and the great gain that awaits us. Abraham, Joseph, David and many others were wealthy, but they were not any “richer” than the beggar, Lazarus. Think about this!



By David Sproule

Could You Attend Where They Don’t Teach Truth on Salvation?

The sea of religious division can sometimes seem quite overwhelming today—like attempting to swim in rough seas in the middle of the ocean. So here’s a question: Could you attend a church where they do not teach the truth about salvation?

If a church does not teach God’s truth about how to be saved, then attendees and listeners would continually and incurably be...lost in sin (Luke 19:10), dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1-5), separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2), without Christ and without God (Eph. 2:12), having no hope (Eph. 2:12), doomed for everlasting punishment in the eternal fires of hell (Matt. 10:28; 13:42; 25:41, 46).

So, let me ask again—could you attend such a church that, by choosing not to teach the truth about God’s plan of salvation from sin, leaves every single person there in that dreadful, condemned condition?

Of all the doctrines taught in the Bible, God makes it abundantly clear how one is saved from their sins. It is not vague or complicated to figure out. When the persecutors and executioners of Jesus heard the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, their hearts were pricked with a belief in the message they heard, driving them to ask what they must do (Acts 2:37). Jesus had already given the apostles the exact

answer to provide on that day (see Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47), so Peter recited the Savior’s own words, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). These believers had to repent of their sins and be immersed in water in order to obtain the salvation of their sins. Nothing could be clearer.

Why are you there?

Does the church where you attend teach what the Bible teaches about salvation? If not, can I ask you as kindly as I possible can—why are you going there? The eternal destiny of souls is at stake, but they are not being saved there, in the only way the Bible teaches for one to be saved (Acts 4:12). But it’s not just the eternal destiny of other people’s souls at stake, but the eternal destiny of your own soul. Not only does your presence show approval for the error that is being taught (2 John 9-11), but if you have complied with what is being taught there, then you yourself are lost in sin (go back and read that list in the second paragraph). Again, let me ask—why are you there?

There is more that must be examined than just the teaching on salvation, for “all things” that Scripture affirms must be taught faithfully and truthfully (Matt. 28:20; Rev 22:18-19). But, it starts with salvation from sin. If God’s truth is not taught on that, nothing else matters.



By Robert Lupo

Don't Accept Burnout

Do you get tired of being so good all the time? Well, that's probably a quick "no." We all sin and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23) and perhaps more frequently than we wish. No one is good except God (Mark 10:18). So, let me rephrase. Do you ever get tired of trying to be a good Christian

all the time?

Being an active member of the church comes with a lot of responsibilities. Of course, we need to strive each day to keep the statutes and commands of God. In Deuteronomy 11:1, God set the standard, telling Israel, "Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His commandments always." And in the New Testament, Jesus shows us that obedience to His commands demonstrates our love for Him, saying, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). But, there is a lot more to doing good than abstaining from sin.

The Bible tells us that Christians need to spend time with each other in worship as well as our daily lives. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." This certainly includes Sunday worship, but also includes other learning opportunities, like Bible studies,

devotionals, gospel meetings and seminars. That can add up to a lot of time in study.

Being a member of the church also requires us to be involved in charitable activities and services led by the church. Paul tells us in Galatians 6:10, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." We have a responsibility to seek out opportunities to serve one another. This might require a significant amount of our time and resources.

We may feel like we are the only ones doing everything

With all of these responsibilities, it is easy to see how someone might become tired of being a good Christian. There is a lot to do, and sometimes we can lose sight of the blessings that come from our most important work. We may feel like we are the only ones doing everything. We can reach the point of being burnt out. But, Paul exhorts us in Galatians 6:9, saying, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." If you think of the life Paul lived, there is no comparison of our light work to his toils and sacrifice (cf. 2 Cor. 11:23-30).

If Paul didn't accept burnout, then we can too. And, Paul gave us the secret for not growing weary. In verse 2 of Galatians 6, Paul says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ..." If we are going to avoid burnout, then we rely on each other to carry the load. Get others involved!

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"God, where are You?"

Joseph was thrown into an Egyptian prison for remaining true to God. So, where was God? God was there with him (Gen. 39)! God was also there surrounding Elisha and Israel while the Syrian army was surrounding them (2 Kgs. 6). God was in the deep mire of the dungeon (Jer. 38). God was inside the fiery furnace (Dan. 3) and inside the lions' den (Dan. 6). God was in the depth of the sea inside a great fish (Jonah 2). God was in the inner prison of Philippi (Acts 16). God was in the midst of the fierce storm on the Mediterranean Sea (Acts 27).

Fellow Christian, no matter what you're going through and the trials, the storms and the enemies you're facing, God is there with you! "I will be with you" (Josh. 1:5). "Thou art with me" (Psa. 23:4). "You are there" (Psa. 139:8). "I am with you" (Isa. 41:10). "I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20). "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5).

The promises are bursting forth throughout Scripture. When things are rough, be still and trust Him. – DS



Doing a "Background Check" on the Apostle Paul

It is increasingly common today to run background checks on certain individuals to assess potential employees, screen tenants, vet volunteers and even for one's own personal safety. What if you could run a background check on a Bible character like the apostle Paul. You would find his religious background, his family background, his employment background, etc. (Phil. 3:5-7; 2 Cor. 11:22; Rom. 11:1; Acts 18:3; 23:6). Depending on the extensiveness of the check, you would likely also find his activity in "persecuting the church" (Phil. 3:6), making "havoc of the church" (Acts 8:3), "breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1), "consenting to [the] death" of certain disciples (Acts 8:1; 22:20), as the "chief" of "sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Wouldn't it be nice if God didn't hold Paul's past against him? HE DIDN'T! Paul wrote, "And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus...I obtained mercy" (1 Tim. 1:14, 16).

What would God see if He ran a background check on you? Well, it depends. Before forgiving you, He would see everything! But after forgiving you, He would see nothing (Heb. 8:12)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	having another surgery on Mar 5 at JFK Medical Center
Judy Carmack	cataract surgery was postponed
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical testing
Todd Juckett	recovering from hernia surgery
Amy West	undergoing medical tests



Bobby Shelton, upon the passing of his wife, **Debi**, on Thursday, February 19.

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 Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carmen Dussard	Isolyn Sinclair's sister, dealing with several health issues
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, Gardens Medical Center
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, dealing with the flu
Jeanette Volker	Tom DiNetta's sister, tests on a growth on her pancreas
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, health issues & complications

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, March 2

- ◆ **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 Adult 3.

Tuesday, March 3

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

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. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18. See Beth Fry or Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, March 8

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, March 14

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please see Tim Fry or Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday, March 18

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for Good News Weekend. Grades 5 & under will have regular classes.

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22

- ◆ **Good News Weekend with Justin Rogers.** The theme is "God Is Still Here."

Friday, March 20

7:00 p.m. God Still Sees

Saturday, March 21

7:00 p.m. God Still Shows

Sunday, March 22

9:00 a.m. God Still Speaks

10:00 a.m. God Still Saves

12:45 p.m. God Still Strengthens

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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).

Friday, April 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Mini-Golf & Ice Cream** at 7:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Cove Adventure Golf at Abacoa (1145 Main Street, Jupiter 33458). See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 8

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **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 at the home of Stephen & Carolina Beliech. Bring drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, March 29

- ◆ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. Cost is \$5 per person (age 5 & up); kids under 5 are free.

A Passage A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

A ONE-YEAR STUDY THROUGH THE

Life of Christ

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

For the Month of *March*

March 1: Luke 5:1-11

The Miraculous Catch of Fish, and the Fishermen Follow

March 2: Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16

Jesus Heals a Leper

March 3: Mark 2:1-12

Mark's Account of Jesus Healing a Paralyzed Man

March 4: Luke 5:17-26

Luke's Account of Jesus Healing a Paralyzed Man

March 5: Matthew 9:1-8

Matthew's Account of Jesus Healing a Paralyzed Man

March 6: Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:13-14; Luke 5:27-28

Jesus Calls Matthew (Levi) to Follow Him

March 7: Matthew 9:10-13; Mark 2:15-17; Luke 5:29-32

Jesus Dines in Matthew's House (A Tax Collector)

March 8: Matthew 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39

Jesus Defends His Disciples with Parables

March 9: John 5:1-15

Jesus Heals a Lame Man

March 10: John 5:16-30

Jesus Teaches About His Relationship to the Father

March 11: John 5:31-47

Jesus Teaches About the Witnesses of His Deity

March 12: Matthew 12:1-8

Matthew's Account of the Disciples Plucking Grain on the Sabbath

March 13: Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5

Mark and Luke's Accounts of the Disciples Plucking Grain on the Sabbath

March 14: Mark 3:1-6

Mark's Account of Healing a Withered Hand on the Sabbath

March 15: Matthew 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11

Matthew and Luke's Accounts of Healing a Withered Hand on the Sabbath

March 16: Matthew 12:15-21; Mark 3:7-12

Jesus Heals Multitudes By the Sea of Galilee

March 17: Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16

Jesus Selects Twelve Apostles After Prayer

March 18: Matthew 5:1-2; Luke 6:17-19

The Setting for the Sermon on the Mount

March 19: Matthew 5:3-12

Matthew's Account of the Beatitudes

March 20: Luke 6:20-26

Luke's Account of the Beatitudes

March 21: Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus Teaches About Influence and Relation to the Law

March 22: Matthew 5:21-30

Jesus Teaches About Anger and Adultery in the Heart

March 23: Matthew 5:31-37

Jesus Teaches About Divorce and Oaths

March 24: Matthew 5:38-48

Matthew's Account of Jesus Teaching to Love Your Enemies

March 25: Luke 6:27-36

Luke's Account of Jesus Teaching to Love Your Enemies

March 26: Matthew 6:1-4, 16-18

Jesus Teaches About Giving and Fasting

March 27: Matthew 6:5-15

Jesus Teaches About Praying

March 28: Matthew 6:19-24

Jesus Teaches About Laying Up Heavenly Treasures

March 29: Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus Teaches About Triumphant Over Worry

March 30: Matthew 7:1-6; Luke 6:37-42

Jesus Teaches About Righteous Judgment

March 31: Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 6:31

Jesus Teaches About Persistent Trust and Service

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 22

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Ms. Allysha Fischbacher; Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Ellen Hegarty; Miss D.L. Moore; Mrs. Jean Pieros.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Ms. Patricia Harrington, Gladwin, MI; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; and Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA.



Allysha Fischbacher was baptized on Sunday, February 22 after morning services.

Lightpost

Beau & Carly Caviness placed membership on Sunday, February 22.

Kinglsey Gardner placed membership on Sunday, February 22.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, March 1st
Willie Smith

Thursday, March 5th
John Hoelzer

Tuesday, March 3rd
John Patrick
Angela Walker

Friday, March 6th
Susie Cox

News & Notes

David Lord and **Lawrence Williams** have faithfully served this congregation as deacons for the last several years. For personal reasons, each of them has determined that they need to step down from serving for a while. We appreciate the faithfulness of both of these brothers and their wives, and we look forward to many more years of working together.

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, March 1

Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Singing Gary Friedly
Scripture Reading Bret Nesbitt
Singing
Lord's Supper Victor Colage
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Cox

Serve at Table:
Ryan Hankins Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon Kyle Prichett
Orlando Lolo Taylor Reeves
Steward Lynch Nahum Villard

Sunday Evening, March 1

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Tim Fry
Scripture Reading Trevin Roman
Singing
Lord's Supper Tom Garrison
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:
Rick Hall Todd Juckett

Audio this week: Jack Holoman
Computer this week: Ivan Villard
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, March 4

Singing Freddie Gadson
Invitation Victor Colage
Family Prayer Stephen Beliech

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 22	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	150	154
Sun. AM Worship	245	259
Sun. PM Worship	95	104
Wed. Bible Study	107	117
Contribution	\$18,986	\$18,214
2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$2,912		

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Robert Mariano
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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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: Dirk Summerlot, Josh Blackmer, Edward Gager & Darin Summerlot

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

Upcoming Events

March 20-22

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

April 16

Ladies’ Day with Emily Hatfield
Theme: “From Routine to Radiant”

May 2

Elders’ Workshop with Jeff Jenkins

May 2

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men
Theme: “A Workman Approved By God”

May 3

One-Day Grief Workshop with Jeff Jenkins
Theme: “When Hearts Hurt: Finding God’s Comfort”

May 31-June 3

Vacation Bible School