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- Paul Metzkes..... 870-8042
- Phil Porter..... 339-3662
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- Dan Jenkins..... 379-2325
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Robert Lupo..... 315-1411

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- David Brown..... 972-7608
- Victor Colage..... 719-1490
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- Mike Erickson..... 310-9916
- Andres Fernandez..... 768-3530
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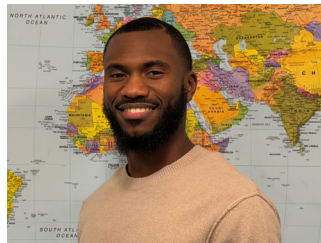
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*Welcome*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW MEMBERS** \_\_\_\_\_



**Beau & Carly Caviness .....**

*(Identified February 22)*



**Kingsley Gardner .....**

*(Identified February 22)*



**DL Moore .....**

*(Identified March 8)*



By Dan Jenkins

## No Baptism = No Faith

Mark chapter eleven records that time when the Jewish leaders came to Jesus and asked Him a great question all religious leaders should be asked. Their motives for asking the question were wrong, but their question gives great insight into the path to have a relationship with God. The question was, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?" (v. 28). He had just cleansed the temple, driving out the animals and the moneychangers, and their question was phrased twice, but it was the same question. It focused on authority for religious actions.

Jesus had addressed this so many times, and they had not heard Him. So, He turned the question around and asked them the same question about their behavior. He phrased it by asking about their attitude toward the baptism that brought the remission of sins and by what authority had John done this. By what authority had John come and baptized thousands? These leaders were clever and thought about what might happen if they gave either of the two possible answers. Was the baptism for the remission of sins something John thought up or was it actually a baptism revealed from heaven?

Read the text carefully. They knew if they said it was

from John or any mortal that they would lose the favored leadership position they had, for all the people knew John was truly a prophet. The only other alternative was to say that it was a revelation from heaven, not from man. They could not possibly say this, for they knew Jesus would ask about their behavior when they heard John preached baptism preceded by repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 1:4).

**John and Jesus both believed baptism brought salvation. What do you believe?**

Now, before you read the next paragraph carefully recall what they said. He asked them about the authority, and they knew that if they said it was from heaven, Jesus would ask a question for which there was no answer. The text does NOT say that if they said it was from heaven Jesus would then reply asking why they had not been baptized by John. Do not read any further until you phrase Jesus' possible response? Jesus would NOT have asked them why they had not been baptized by John.

They said, "If we say, 'From heaven.' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" John taught baptism was for the remission of sins, and Jesus taught that our baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). The question is not why have you not *been baptized*, but why did you not *believe* Jesus? A failure to obey and teach His words is a deeper question. This failure is not to reject baptism, but it is a failure to believe. It is not a rejection of baptism, but a failure to have true faith!



By David Sproule

## Yes, You Can Know!

Let's do some word studies and then make the application.

In the book of First John, there are several words that are key terms, which are used repeatedly in the book. One of them is the word "know." There is more than one Greek word that is translated "know" in English, but I want to focus only on the uses of the Greek word *oida*, which means "fullness of knowledge."

As we go through these verses in First John, ask yourself, "Can we *really* know these things? Fully? Completely? Can I actually be certain?" Of course, you are going to answer that "yes" every time, but I want you to see how the word is used.

We read that "you...*know* the truth" (2:21). "You *know* that He is righteous" (2:29). "We *know* that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him" (3:2). "You *know* that He was manifested to take away our sins" (3:5). "We *know* that we have passed from death to life" (3:14). "You *know* that no murderer has eternal life" (3:15). "We *know* that we are of God" (5:19). "We *know* that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding" (5:20). No question! We know these things with absolute certainty!

Another word that runs throughout the book is the word "have." Consider these instances when the word "have"

**"...that you may know that you have eternal life."**

is used in the present tense. Again, as you read these, I want you to ask yourself, "Do we *really* have these things?" Of course, you are going to answer that "yes" every time, but I want you to see how the word is used in the present tense.

"We *have* fellowship with one another" (1:7). Do we truly "have" that for sure right now? "We *have* an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (2:1). Do we truly "have" that for sure right now? We "*have*" the "commandment" to "love" our "brother" (4:21). Do we truly "have" that for sure right now? Yes, we really "have" these things right now.

We've examined those two words for a reason. They are both key words that are found in First John 5:13. "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may *know* that you *have* eternal life." Some Christians struggle with having confidence that they are going to heaven.

The Bible says that those who keep on believing and obeying the Son of God (the emphasis of the present tense Greek word for "believe" [*pisteuo*]) can "KNOW" (as certain as they know the truth, know Jesus is righteous, etc.) that they "HAVE" (as real as having fellowship with one another, having Jesus as our Advocate, etc.) "ETERNAL LIFE." Dear faithful Christian, God says that you can KNOW that you HAVE a home waiting for you in HEAVEN! Now, let's live like it!



By Robert Lupo

## Money Doesn't Talk

I opened a new savings account last month. My wife and I were looking for a safe way to save money. So, we opened an account with a bank that is FDIC insured. This means that the federal government guarantees that even if the bank fails, our money will be returned to us. So, we accepted the terms.

There is good reason to trust in a bank that is insured by the government. The U.S. is a wealthy, powerful nation that has the means to uphold their guarantees. However, that trust only goes so far. While I may be able to generally see my investment as secured, I should never be willing to bet my entire livelihood on it. As powerful as the United States is, it is as capable of failing as the banks it promises to uphold. In fact, the very money which I deposit is only as valuable as the public trust in the government that issues it.

Now, this article is not a critique of our financial system or an attempt to offer investment advice. I would be the last person you would want to ask for that! But, consider with me how much trust we put in the accumulation of money. We use money to purchase all of the things that we need. We buy food, water, shelter and healthcare with money. It is a vital part of our daily life. So, it's a no-brainer that the more of it we

have, the more secure we feel about our provisions. But, is money really such a safe place to rest our trust?

The Bible warns us that the love of money is a root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:10). When our lives become focused on growing wealth, we inevitably leave God on the sidelines. Jesus tells us that we "...cannot serve God and mammon," which is wealth (Matt. 6:24). The more time you put into something, the more you become a servant to it. This grows to the point that money becomes an idol. Paul says in Colossians 3:5, "Put to death therefore what is earthly to you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Are you more about "the hustle" or holiness?

Like any manmade god, money is incapable of trustworthiness. It tears, it fades, and it fluctuates in value. But the one true God is eternal and living, and He cares for you. In Habakkuk 2:18-20, the Lord said, "What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, the molded image, a teacher of lies, that the maker of its mold should trust in it, to make mute idols? Woe to him who says to wood, 'Awake!' To silent stone, 'Arise! It shall teach!' Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, Yet in it there is no breath at all. But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him." Money doesn't talk, but God has spoken that He will never leave you nor forsake you (Deut. 31:6).

Are you more about "the hustle" or holiness?

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### People are hurting—get beyond the surface

Elisha built a close relationship with a couple in Shunem who cared for him, and he interceded to God on their behalf to miraculously have a child (2 Kgs. 4:8-17). Some years later, the child died at a young age, which threw the "soul" of the mother into "deep distress" (4:18-27). But when her husband spoke with her, she said, "It is well" (4:23). When Gehazi spoke with her, she said, "It is well" (4:26). But when she came to Elisha, she poured her heart out (4:27-28).

Sometimes when we only see people in passing, it's easy to say, "How are you doing?" And it's easy to just get a quick response, "I'm fine." But often people are not fine. This Shunammite woman was not fine, but she made it appear so to some.

How much time do you spend with your brethren? Not just with quick conversations in the church building—that's only "fine." How much time do you spend building relationships outside the building that get beyond surface level? How much genuine "love" (John 13:34), "care" (1 Cor. 12:25) and "compassion" (1 Pet. 3:8) do you have for your brethren? – DS



### The original algorithm prince

Have you ever been talking to someone about something and then you get on your phone and there is an ad for the very thing you were just talking about? Have you ever looked something up online and then the next time you got on your phone there was an ad for it? Advertisers are very good at writing algorithms to put in front of your eyes something that they know will interest you, in an effort to get your attention and, more importantly, to get your business.

A brother in Christ pointed out that long before online algorithms ever existed the devil was already in that business. From the beginning, he has been putting things in front of our eyes that are tempting to us, in order to get our attention and, most devastatingly, to get our business. His "craftiness" (2 Cor. 11:3), "schemes" (Eph. 6:11) and "devices" (2 Cor. 2:11) are his click-bait. Paul called him, "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2)—the original prince of the airwaves.

The key to beating him is the same as beating online ads—resist and don't click (Jas. 4:7)! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	recovering from a fall, injured his knee
<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	awaiting the scheduling of two procedures
<b>Judy Bird</b>	recovering from hernia surgery
<b>Gloria Boyd</b>	Avante Rehab in Lake Worth
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	having an endoscopy on April 2
<b>Carolyn Preston</b>	has been struggling with some health issues
<b>Amy West</b>	recovering from surgery



**Pete Brown, Loni Fuller and the entire family of Pat Brown**, who passed away on Thursday, March 19. Pat was a beloved part of this church family for almost 70 years. The Memorial Service will be on Saturday, March 28.

The Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the service at 11:30 a.m.

## 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	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

<b>David Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's father, pacemaker surgery
<b>Ann Freseman</b>	Nicole Freseman's mother, La Posada, rehab after a fall
<b>Ann Graham</b>	Luann's McLeod's mother, St. Mary's, fell last week
<b>Ornans Pierre</b>	Juliette Mauvais' son, recovering from car accident
<b>Steve Stout</b>	Jackie Stout's brother, slowly improving

**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, March 29

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for details.

## Sunday-Wednesday, March 29-April 1

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Dan Jenkins will be speaking on *"The Seven Most Important Questions."*

## Monday, March 30

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, March 31

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.
- ♦ **"Digging Deep" Women's Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Lisa Metzkes for more details.

## Monday, April 6

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.
- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Saturday, April 11

- ♦ **EDP & Office Cookout** at 6:00 p.m. See David Sproule for details.

## Sunday, April 12

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

## Thursday, April 16

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Emily Hatfield** at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lesson at 7:30 p.m. See Traci Sproule for more details.

## Saturday, April 18

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in Adult 3. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Sunday, April 19

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry more details.
- ♦ **2-Week Mini Session Classes Begin.** Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults meet in the Auditorium.

## *Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ* **Young Adults**

## 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.

## Friday, May 8

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



## *Palm Beach Lakes* **Youth**

## 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).
- ♦ **NO His Kids Class** today. Will resume next week.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Tim & Beth Fry. See Robert Lupo for more details.

## Saturday, April 4

- ♦ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. There will be games and activities following the hunt. Jr. & Sr. High should arrive at 9:15 a.m. and bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate in eggs; it will melt). Please use QR code to RSVP and sign up for food by April 1. See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for more details.



# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - April 2026

April 5 <sup>(P)</sup>

April 12 <sup>(A)</sup>

April 19 <sup>(L)</sup>

April 26 <sup>(A)</sup>

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dan McLeod	Bret Nesbitt	Darin Summerlot	Dan Jenkins
Scripture Reader	James Green	Orlando Lolo	Addison Collins	Connor Goodale
Presiding at Table	Dan Jenkins	Robert Lupo	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Goodale
Serving at Table	Casey Crews Michael Erickson Sylvester Jackson Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez John Patrick Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder	Ryan Hankins Jack Holoman Namdidie Ikon Todd Juckett Steward Lynch Taylor Reeves Lawrence Williams	David Brown Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Tim Mahlbacher Can Margarini Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez	Michael Erickson Jeff Goodale James Green Michael Menendez Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder Marty Williams
Closing Prayer	Kirk Crews	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller	Dan McLeod

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer	Jimmie Banks	Stephen Beliech	Douglas Alvarenga	Eugene Williams
Scripture Reader	Jim Rogers	Tim Fry	Daniel Wagner	John Patrick
Presiding at Table	John Hoelzer	Victor Colage	Dirk Summerlot	Kane Campbell
Serving at Table	Conner Goodale Kameron Heitler	Joe Maloney Trevin Roman	David Brown Ken Gonsalves	Sylvester Jackson Jim Rogers
Closing Prayer	Jeff Goodale	Phil Porter	Paul Metzkes	Mike Archer

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	Islay Rodriguez	Andres Fernandez	David Lord	Vincent Rogers
Usher	Kane Campbell Marty Williams	Rick Hall Tim Mahlbacher	Rick Hall Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jimmie Banks Islay Rodriguez

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,  
March 22

# Lightpost

Daniel Swayne moved to Tennessee.



The Jr. High & Sr. High Youth will be hosting an Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. There will be games and activities following the hunt. Please use QR code to RSVP and sign up for food by April 1. See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for more details.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Nancy Baker; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Bevon Findley; Ms. Denise Herbit; Mr. James Lang; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mrs. Nikki O'Hanlon; Ms. Adrienne Patterson; Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Jamie Reeves; Mr. Bernard Santini; Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts; and Ms. Natasha Twiggs.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Shannon Albright, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Cory Brown, Eagon, MN; Mrs. Lauren Campbell, Franklin, TN; Ms. Darlene Cooper, St. Charles, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mrs. Kristen Dye, Carrollton, TX; Mrs. Andres Fernandes, III, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Savannah, GA; Mr. Randy Green, St. Charles, MO; Mr. Will Isidort, Sanford, FL; Ms. Bobbi Selmon, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie & Charlene Story, Loretto, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Ethel Tumblin, Sebastian, FL.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, March 29th  
Ryan Hankins

Thursday, April 2nd  
Bill & Allison Snyder (Ann.)  
Lorena Pittman

Tuesday, March 31st  
Gary & Karen Lester (Ann.)

Friday, April 3rd  
Giselle Smith

Wednesday, April 1st  
Taylor Reeves

## 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 29

Opening Prayer ..... Freddie Gadson  
Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Scripture Reading..... Mike Damron  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Dan Fuller  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Dave Holaday

Serve at Table:

David Brown      Ken Gonsalves  
Ed Buonadonna    Can Margarini  
Addison Collins    Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Gorman Ericksen   Cristian Suarez

### Sunday Evening, March 29

Singing ..... Young Men  
Opening Prayer..... Young Men  
Scripture Reading ..... Young Men  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Young Men  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer..... Young Men

Serve at Table:  
Young Men

Audio this week: David Brown  
Computer this week: Addison Collins  
Video this week: Scott Studer

### Wednesday Evening, April 1

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation..... Daniel Wagner  
Family Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale

## Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 22	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	196	142
Sun. AM Worship	277	241
Sun. PM Worship	124	106
Wed. Bible Study	116	118
Contribution	\$15,404	\$17,099

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,101

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall & Robert Lupo

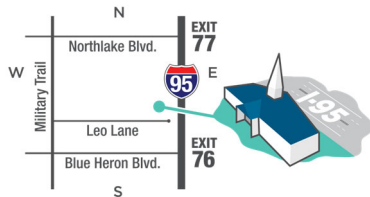
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Bobby Shelton  
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



# 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: **Robert Lupo, Georgia Belony, Adlene Honore,  
Terietta Frazier & Eva Fulton**

He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another,

**WHO THEN IS THIS,  
THAT HE COMMANDS  
EVEN THE WINDS  
AND WATER, AND  
THEY OBEY HIM?**

**Luke 8:25**