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- \*Paul Metzkes..... 870-8042
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- \*Chairman for the Month of April*

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- Dan Jenkins..... 379-2325
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Robert Lupo..... 315-1411

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- Victor Colage..... 719-1490
- Kirk Crews..... 339-9283
- Mike Erickson..... 310-9916
- Andres Fernandez..... 768-3530
- Tim Fry..... 373-9121
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# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS



**Rolle, Ketura** .....

*(Baptized March 29)*



**O'Hanlon, Nikki**.....

*(Identified April 19)*

# WHEN HEARTS HURT: Finding God's Comfort

**One-Day Grief Workshop**  
*with Jeff Jenkins*

# MAY 3



By Dan Jenkins

## More About Part-Timers

Last week we established from the Scriptures that being a Christian is not a “part-time” job. In that article, we showed how this truth applies to parents as they rear their children. However, this concept has many other vital applications in our lives as Christians. Think about how it applies in the three areas mentioned in the following paragraphs.

**True Christianity has no part-time encouragers of brethren.** Look at the example of Paul and how his life reflects the life of Christ. Paul said, “Imitate me just as I also imitate Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1). His letters show how he uplifted other Christians with encouraging words. He said, “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all” (Rom. 1:8); “I thank my God always concerning you” (1 Cor. 1:4); “I...do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers” (Eph. 1:6); “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request of you all with joy” (Phil. 1:3-4). (See also Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 1:2-3; 2 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:3; Tit. 1:4; Phile. 1:4). Imagine how encouraging it would be to know that Paul was praying all the time and mentioning you in every prayer. Space does not permit discussing Barnabas who was given this name by the apostles because it means “son of encouragement.” We need to imitate these men whose lives encouraged others!

**Christianity is not just a part time job or a full time job. It is who and what we are!**

**True Christianity has no part-time pray-ers.** Reread the previous paragraph to see the truth that we must never be those who casually and sometimes pray for the church and our brothers and sisters. This is far different from an occasional mention of them in prayers. James said, “Pray for one another...the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (Jas. 5:16). Prayer is not simply a crisis management activity. Pray for others; pray for the weak; pray for the lost world. It cannot be a “part-time” section of our lives.

**True Christianity has no part-time soul winners.** Lift up your eyes like Jesus. He came to be a soul winner. He truly saw more than people. He saw lost souls. He saw the souls of ignorant and unlearned fishermen, of the woman taken in adultery, of the woman at the well, of the thief on the cross, of children, of the hypocritical Jewish leaders, of the disciples who ran away and left Him alone in Gethsemane. He saw souls and did all He could to save them. He never met anyone who He did not seek to bring them one step closer to God. It was who He was and who He still is.

True Christianity is not a Sunday morning only activity. It is not just coming to worship regularly. It is not just what we do some of the time, nor what we do most of the time. Christianity is not a part-time job. It is not like a full-time job. It is who we are! He gave His life for us, and we give our lives to Him.



By David Sproule

## How Many Good Works Are Enough to Save Me? (Part 4 of 4)

Sometimes people hear sermons or read articles about “doing good works” and “working out your own salvation” and “always abounding in the work of the Lord” and “doing the will of the Father in heaven,” and they are sometimes filled with doubt or grief or trepidation (or even negative emotions toward the one who focused on those portions of Scripture). And here’s what someone like you might say after such an emphasis of this manner on good works: “I’m not perfect! I’m far from it! I will never be able to do everything that God wants me to do perfectly! I’m going to make mistakes and fall short, and probably do that every day. So, there’s no way that I’m going to heaven, because I am never going to be able to reach God’s expectations for me.”

If that’s you, I have good news for you. God does not expect you to be perfect! God is not making demands of you that are impossible or unrealistic for you. God knows that you are going to make mistakes—He’s the one who told you that in the Bible. God knows that you will never be able to do everything just right. And that’s what makes Him such an amazing God! Think about what He has told us about this.

Has God made demands of us? Yes, that’s undeniable. Does God call us to obey His commands? Yes, that’s also

undeniable. But (are you ready for this?), He actually helps us to do EVERYTHING that He commands us to do!

When we do God’s good works, He is WITH US (Matt. 28:20). He “will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).

When we do God’s good works, He HELPS US. When commanding us to be fruitful in our good works for Him, Jesus said, “without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

When we do God’s good works, He WORKS IN US. He “works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13; cf. Heb. 13:21).

Isn’t that amazing!? You’re NOT on your own in your good works for Him! When we think, “I’m never going to be able to reach God’s expectations for me,” HE reminds us that HE is “able” (Eph. 3:20-21).

So, let’s do this. Let’s “walk in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7). That’s not perfect. That’s walking with Him—easy and doable. Let’s strive to be “faithful” (Rev. 2:10). That’s not perfect! That’s doing the best that I can with what God gives me—easy and doable. And here’s what happens as I do that. The grace and mercy of God (Who wants me to succeed more than anyone else) is poured out on me to help me do His will and to forgive me when I fall short of it (1 John 1:7). What an amazing God we get to serve!

**God knows that you will never be able to do everything just right**



By Robert Lupo

## Does Anyone Understand?

It is hard growing up. In the short time leading to adulthood, a child can experience a wide variety of issues, tragedies, heartbreaks, losses, mistakes and disappointments. And, in the world teens are living in today, these challenges are compounded in ways that are hard for older generations to

comprehend.

Sometimes, when children are experiencing the trials of life, the only thing that helps is knowing someone understands how they are feeling. Dealing with hurt can feel isolating and oppressive. In other words, it feels like the entire world is out to get them. So, hearing a word of advice or encouragement from someone that has been in their shoes can do wonders for making them feel normal and accepted.

Teens need to know that help is found in the adults in their lives at home and at church. Parents, grandparents, preachers, elders, and older men and women at church have valuable things to say to teenagers. There is no doubt that today's particular challenges are very different from what they had to deal with. But, that fact was still true when they were teenagers. The 60-year-old sister who has been married for 40 years was living in a world just as different from her elders as it is today. The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 1:9, "...That which has

been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun." While the names and forms of issues change, their core causes stay the same.

Any teen reading this should know that while their elders never had to deal with online bullying or influencer culture, they understand what it is like to be ashamed, embarrassed, mocked, ridiculed or unloved. These feelings have always been present, and our seniors already learned to overcome them. Imagine what they can share with you to help you with your challenges. "My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck" (Prov. 1:8-9).

Likewise, any older Christians reading this must accept their responsibility to give sound advice to the teens in their lives (cf. Tit. 2:6-8). If we are finding it difficult to relate, then look at the example of our Lord Jesus who did everything He needed to do in order to reach us. "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:17). You can relate if you're willing to try.

God understands our needs. And He has given us the church to guide the youth through any trial they face.

**Sometimes...the only thing that helps is knowing someone understands...**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Dear Nadab and Abihu

The book of Leviticus is predominantly a book of laws and ordinances given to Israel at Mount Sinai, which makes the two narrative (or story) sections of the book (in chapters 8-10 and chapter 24) really stand out as unique in the setting of the whole book. One event that God chose to specifically include was the unauthorized worship of Nadab and Abihu. They "offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them" (Lev. 10:1-2). This was such a major event (although it encompasses only three verses) that Old Testament writers referenced it at least four more times (Lev. 16:1; Num. 3:4; 26:61; 1 Chron. 24:2).

Dear Nadab and Abihu, why were you devoured by fire? Why did you die before the Lord? The only answer they could give: "We offered unauthorized fire in our worship to God." Does it matter how we worship our God? Does it matter if we follow His authorized instructions or do our own thing that seems right to us? Ask Nadab and Abihu. – DS



### Worship that feels good can't be wrong! Can it?

The Israelites' arch-nemesis—the Philistines—"gathered together to fight with Israel," having troops "as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude" (1 Sam. 13:5), and the Israelite "people were distressed" (13:6). Saul "waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel" (13:8), who was going to come and "offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings" (10:8). But, when "Samuel did not come," Saul "offered the burnt offering" himself (13:9).

When Samuel asked this king from the tribe of Benjamin (not of Levi) why he had offered sacrifices, Saul replied, "I felt compelled" (13:12). Read that again—"I felt compelled." Are feelings a safe guide in our worship of God? Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you" (13:13).

God draws a sharp line of distinction between keeping His commandments and doing what feels right. The first is right and acceptable. The second is foolish and unacceptable. There is only one acceptable way to worship God, and feelings

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

- Jimmie Banks** Cleveland Clinic, medical procedure on 4/23
- Carolyn Cullom** recovering from hip surgery (NO visitors, please)
- Eva Fulton** dealing with multiple health issues
- Adelene Honore** received unfavorable test results
- Lynne Jorgensen** awaiting test results
- Charlene Knowles** dealing with a lot of pain in her leg



**Jean Archer, upon the passing of Mike on Wednesday, April 22.**

## 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** Leigh Puckett
- Gloria Boyd** Don Seay
- Josie Dawson** Ricky Smedley
- Zula Garrett** Samuel Williams
- Loretta Holaday** Evetta Wilson
- Kassandra Jones**

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

- Russell Beliech** Stephen Beliech's brother, knee surgery on April 28
- Ann Graham** Luann's McLeod's mother, not doing well
- Diana MacArthur** Maxine McCoy's mother, recovering from heart surgery
- DeMarcus Turner, Sr.** Linda Coe's son, awaiting test results, 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

## Monday, April 27

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

## Tuesday, April 28

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.
- ◆ **“Digging Deep” Women’s Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in Adult 3. See Lisa Metzkes for more details.

## Saturday, May 2

- ◆ **Elders’ Workshop with Jeff Jenkins** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year’s theme is “*A Workman Approved By God.*”
- ◆ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Beth Fry. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18. See Beth Fry or Traci Sproule for more details.

## Sunday, May 3

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults (Stepping into the Bible, Semester 16).

## Sunday, May 3 (cont.)

- ◆ **One-Day Grief Workshop with Jeff Jenkins.** Use the postcards in the lobby to invite your friends, family and coworkers.
  - 9:00 a.m. *What I Wish Everyone Knew About Grief*
  - 10:00 a.m. *Living in Grace and Glory*
  - 11:30 a.m. Lunch
  - 12:45 p.m. *God Can and God Will*

## Monday, May 4

- ◆ **Men’s Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Saturday, May 9

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Saturday, May 16

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

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

### Saturday, May 2

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year’s theme is “*A Workman Approved By God.*”

### Friday, May 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brenda & Sarah Collier. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Singing** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Darin & Brittany Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Saturday, June 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Bowling & Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

### Friday, July 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Game Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for more details.



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

### Sunday, April 26

- ◆ **Youth & Adult Mission Trip Meeting** after morning worship in Adult 3 for all who will be going on the summer mission trip in June. See Robert Lupo for more details.
- ◆ **No His Kids Class.**
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.

### Sunday, May 3

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults (Stepping into the Bible, Semester 16).
- ◆ **No His Kids Class.**

### Sunday, May 10

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

### Sunday, May 24

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All children and adults will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates’ Luncheon** after morning services in the Family Room. Bring a potluck dish to share.

# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - May 2026

May 3 <sup>(P)</sup>

May 10 <sup>(A)</sup>

May 17 <sup>(L)</sup>

May 24 <sup>(A)</sup>

May 31 <sup>(L)</sup>

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Phil Porter	Dan Fuller	Jeff Goodale	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reader	Stephen Beliech	David Lord	Michael Erickson	Robert Mariano	Darin Summerlot
Presiding at Table	Tim Cox	Freddie Gadson	Dan McLeod	Phil Porter	Dan Fuller
Serving at Table	Beau Caviness Andres Fernandez Ryan Hankins Namddie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Lawrence Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Jack Holoman Gary Jenkins Can Margarini Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez	Kingsley Gardner Connor Goodale Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Eugene Williams Marty Williams	Beau Caviness Ryan Hankins Jack Holoman Namddie Ikon Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Nahum Villard	Ed Buonadonna Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Ed Gager Can Margarini Chuck Reeves, Jr. Cristian Suarez
Closing Prayer	Robert Mariano	Dave Holaday	Islay Rodriguez	Orlando Lolo	David Lord

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Robert Lupo	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Tim Fry	Paul Metzkes	John Hoelzer	Dan Jenkins	
Scripture Reader	Joe Maloney	Rick Hall	John Patrick	Trevin Roman	
Presiding at Table	Victor Colage	Douglas Alvarenga	Jimmie Banks	Tom Garrison	
Serving at Table	Andres Fernandez Todd Juckett	Ed Gager Ken Gonsalves	Casey Crews Kameron Heitler	Joe Maloney Nahum Villard	
Closing Prayer	Trevin Roman	Daniel Wagner	Kirk Crews	Victor Colage	

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Nahum Villard	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Rick Hall	Lawrence Williams	Addison Collins
Usher	Rick Hall Bret Nesbit	Mike Damron Dirk Summerlot	Kane Campbell Vincent Rogers	Andres Fernandez Tim Fry	Rick Hall Bobby Shelton

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

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.

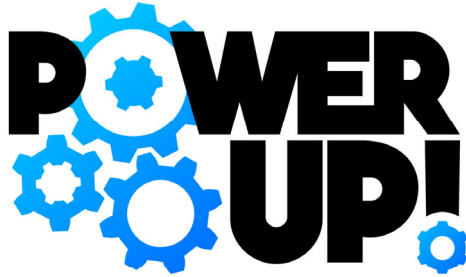
**"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)**

Members **Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
April 19



A Recharge for Christian Men

**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

15-Minute POWER Lessons + Brotherly Fellowship + Lunch

- Hear: **Jeff Jenkins** (from Lewisville, TX)  
**Douglas Alvarenga** (Jupiter)  
**Corey Glover** (Hallandale Beach)  
**Jamey Hinds** (Hollywood)

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Sunday, April 26th

Rick Hall  
Ivan Villard

Tuesday, April 28th

Kane Campbell  
James Green

Monday, April 27th

Jordan & Marsha Beasley (Ann.)  
Marie Telfort

Wednesday, April 29th

Beth Fry



*"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

**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, April 26**

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
 Opening Prayer ..... Dan Jenkins  
 Scripture Reading ..... Connor Goodale  
 Singing  
 Lord's Supper ..... Jeff Goodale  
 Contribution  
 Singing  
 Sermon  
 Singing  
 Closing Prayer ..... Dan McLeod

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson Vincent Rogers  
 James Green Joseph Snyder  
 Michael Menendez Marty Williams  
 Jim Rogers TBA

**Sunday Evening, April 26**

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
 Opening Prayer ..... Eugene Williams  
 Scripture Reading ..... John Patrick  
 Singing  
 Lord's Supper ..... Kane Campbell  
 Singing  
 Contribution  
 Singing  
 Sermon  
 Singing  
 Closing Prayer ..... TBA

Serve at Table:

Sylvester Jackson Jim Rogers

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

**Wednesday Evening, April 29**

Singing ..... Freddie Gadson  
 Invitation ..... Jimmie Banks  
 Family Prayer ..... David Lord

**Our Record**

Attendance	Apr. 19	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	140	167
Sun. AM Worship	240	261
Sun. PM Worship	92	110
Wed. Bible Study	108	111
Contribution	\$17,049	\$17,112

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,694

Service Coordinator:  
Tim Cox

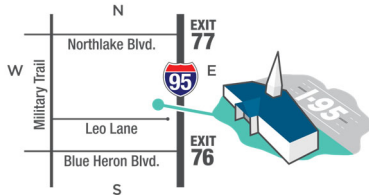
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Islay Rodriguez  
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



# 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: **Jeff & Jennifer Goodale**



**Phil Sanders**, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **G.E.T. (Great Entertainment Television)** every Sunday morning at **7:00 a.m.**

Those channels are:  
DIRECTV (channel 83)  
DISH (channel 373)



You can also watch on YouTube: @SearchTVMinistry

*Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.*



## Upcoming Events

### 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 24

**Promotion Sunday**

### May 31-June 3

**Vacation Bible School**  
Theme: *"Sailing with Paul on the High C's"*

### June 10

**Wednesday Night Summer Series Begins**  
Theme: *"Because He Lives"*