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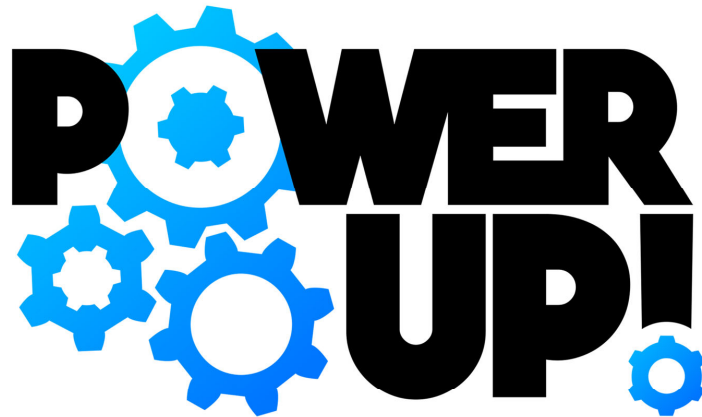


*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*

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A Recharge for Christian Men

**Saturday, May 2, 2026**

**WHEN HEARTS HURT:  
Finding God's Comfort**

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

**MAY 3**





By Dan Jenkins

## Come and See, He Is Not Here

“He is not here” were the words spoken to the women by the heavenly messenger outside the tomb of Jesus. The truth behind these words is the focal point of the eternal plan of God to save the world. If there is no empty tomb, there is no redemption, no salvation and the gates of heaven are closed to us forever and ever.

I vividly remember these words when they were spoken at the Holy Land Experience Theme Park in Orlando just a few years ago. While that park closed its doors during Covid and has since been demolished, the force of these Biblical words still impacts my soul.

They were spoken at the reenactment of the events surrounding Jesus’ death. He walked toward Golgotha carrying His cross and was lifted up on the cross. At the park, his tomb was below the cross. As the story developed, the time frame shifted to early Sunday morning and the arrival of the empty sepulture. As the program ended, the narrator pointed toward the tomb and invited the audience to come and look inside. As I entered the tomb, it was as I knew it would be, but the force of the words I had heard really impacted me. “Come and see, He is not here.” Profound truth in four words—He is not here!

**The truth behind these four words is the focal point of God’s eternal plan**

I do not know if Annas and Caiaphas ever passed by that tomb, but they knew the truth. They had lied about Him and given Him a mockery of a trial, but the truth remained—He is not here. I do not know if those soldiers who were paid to accuse the apostles as being grave robbers ever went by that tomb and knew what they had discovered—He is not here. I do not know how many in that mob who cried out for Him to be crucified ever passed the tomb, but the truth remains—He is not here.

If He were still in the tomb, then death is more powerful than God! There is no salvation and there is no resurrection. There is no hope and life is just a miserable journey ending in annihilation. Life is meaningless, and the Epicureans were right when they said, “Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we shall die.” Satisfy every fleshly desire, have no compassion on others and live your own life to the fullest. There is no tomorrow. You are an animal, and there is no God.

“He is not here” changes all of this self-centered philosophy of many Americans today. God is. God is love. God is deeply concerned about us. He is always with us and will never forsake us. He loves us so much He gave His only Son to remove the consequences of sin. He loves us so much he opens the gates of heaven and eternal joy and happiness await us. How can we know this? The answer is, “He is not here.”



By David Sproule

## Spiritual Growth: Add to Your Faith

Spiritual growth is not optional for the Christian—it is commanded. Peter wrote, “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18). In fact, he goes further and urges believers to give “all diligence” to their growth (2 Pet. 1:5, 10). Growth does not happen accidentally. It requires intentional effort to become more like Christ.

In 2 Peter 1:5-7, God provides a clear pattern for that growth. He lists eight Christ-like qualities that must be developed together, with each quality being “added” to the previous one. “Added” means to supply or furnish—like equipping a choir so every part works together in harmony. These qualities are not isolated traits—they build upon and strengthen one another. Therefore, we cannot pick and choose which ones to develop. All are essential.

At the foundation of this entire process is faith. Biblical faith is far more than mere belief. It involves three essential elements: conviction, trust and obedience. Hebrews 11:1 describes faith as “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Faith is not a blind leap in the dark—it is a confident assurance based on the evidence God has provided. It is being fully convinced that what God has promised, He is “able to perform” (Rom. 4:21).

**It is the motivating force behind everything we do as Christians**

But faith does not stop with conviction. True faith surrenders to God and expresses itself through obedience. The examples in Hebrews 11 make this clear, where the “faith” of every Old Testament faithful was not idle but it acted. That is why Scripture teaches that “faith without works is dead” (Jas. 2:26). Genuine faith always produces a changed life.

Faith is also essential because it is the foundation of our relationship with God. “Without faith it is impossible to please Him” (Heb. 11:6). It is through faith that we come to God, trust His promises and commit our lives to His will. It is the motivating force behind everything we do as Christians.

So how do we grow in faith? Faith comes from God’s Word (Rom. 10:17). The more we read, study and meditate on Scripture, the stronger our faith becomes. At the same time, we must guard our faith—avoiding unbelief, resisting worldly distractions and actively living out what we believe. Faith is strengthened not only by learning the truth but by practicing it.

Finally, faith must be demonstrated. It is seen in obedience to the gospel and in a life that trusts Christ daily—trusting His commands, His promises and His purposes.

If we will diligently build upon this foundation of faith, we will become fruitful, steadfast and secure in our walk with God. Everything begins with faith and adding to faith.



By Robert Lupo

## What Is Calling on the Name of the Lord?

In Acts chapter 2, Peter delivers his sermon at Pentecost, which culminates in the establishment of the church of Christ. Through signs, scripture, and reasoning, Peter makes the case that Jesus is both Lord and Messiah (v. 36).

In verses 16 through 21, Peter quotes what the prophet Joel foretold about this day. In this passage, we see a phrase that appears many times in the Bible. It says, "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (v. 21).

Peter wants us to know that calling on the name of the Lord is directly tied to salvation in the New Covenant. But, what does it mean? Does it mean crying out with the mouth to God for salvation? Is it a declaration of faith in God? Or, is it some kind of religious act? If the answer is the method by which we are saved from sin, then we better get the answer right!

The first time we read about someone calling on the name of the Lord is all the way back in Genesis 4:26. The verse says, "And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. **Then men began to call on the name of the Lord.**" Here, we see the fact that the act was done, but there is no explanation of what it was.

**...calling on the name of the Lord is involved in worship to God.**

The next two times the phrase is used is in reference to Abraham. In Genesis 12:8 and 13:4, when he calls on the name of the Lord, we are told that he builds an altar first. This practice is repeated in Genesis 26:25, when Isaac also builds his own altar and calls on the name of the Lord. This tells us that at the very least, calling on the name of the Lord is involved in worship to God. It is a religious act.

So, what is calling on the name of the Lord in the New Testament? We see the phrase used four times: in Acts 2:21, Acts 22:16, Romans 10:13, and 1 Corinthians 1:2. In all four passages, we see that those who call on the name of the Lord are those who are saved. In two of these passages, we see a religious act tied to the command. In Acts 22:16, Ananias tells Peter, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, **calling on the name of the Lord.**" And in Acts 2:38, right after quoting Joel 2, Peter answers the question, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" by saying, "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."

If you wanted to call on the name of the Lord in the Old Testament, you had to build an altar. Stones were stacked and covered in blood so men could commune with God. In the New Testament, we cannot call on the name of the Lord, unless we are covered in the blood of Jesus in baptism.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Why is a preacher worn out on Sunday?

Have you ever heard about a preacher being worn out on a Sunday night? "Seriously?! C'mon! That's crazy! All he does is stand up and talk! (For too long!) That's NOT that hard! Gimme a break!"

But, being a true preacher of the gospel is more than just talking. Preachers who care look out and see the non-Christian visitor and try to carry them to the cross of Jesus. Preachers who care see the widow who is hurting and try to carry her to a place of comfort. Preachers who care see the apathetic members and try to pull them gently into greater devotion. Preachers who care see children halfway listening and try to carry them over to Jesus and lastingly clasp their little hands into His. Preachers who care don't just see people in the pew, but they see every single individual soul and their unique needs at that very moment. Every word he chooses is designed for "edification and exhortation and comfort" of every person (1 Cor. 14:3).

This is not written to create pity for a preacher! But if your preacher is worn out from trying to carry every person just one inch closer to Jesus, are you with him in that endeavor? Or resisting it? This article (and every sermon) is about you, not him! – DS



### Is that me?

God tells us to love Him and Jesus (Matt. 22:37; John 14:15). God tells us to love our Christian brethren (John 13:34). God tells us to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44). God tells us to love our spouses (Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:4). Then, He doesn't allow us or rely on us to define what that "love" looks like. Instead, He describes it for us vividly in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. You know these verses. But ask yourself with each expression—"IS THAT ME?"

"Love is patient." *Am I?* "Love is kind." *Am I?* "Love does not envy." *Do I?* "Love does not boast." *Do I?* "Love is not arrogant." *Am I?* "Love is not rude." *Am I?* "Love does not insist on its own way." *Do I?* "Love is not irritable." *Am I?* "Love keeps no record of wrongs." *Do I?* "Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing." *Do I?* "Love rejoices in the truth." *Do I?* "Love bears all things." *Do I?* "Love believes all things." *Do I?* "Love hope all things." *Do I?* "Love endures all things." *Do I?* "Love never fails." *Do I?*

Read them again. These need attention from all of us! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Marie Achille</b>	JFK Medical Center (room 3313), recovering from stroke
<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	Cleveland Clinic, recovering from successful procedure
<b>Carolyn Cullom</b>	recovering from hip surgery (NO visitors, please)
<b>Eva Fulton</b>	dealing with multiple health issues
<b>Adelene Honore</b>	received unfavorable test results
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	awaiting test results
<b>Charlene Knowles</b>	dealing with a lot of pain in her leg

## 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 These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from knee surg.
<b>Ann Graham</b>	Luann's McLeod's mother, not doing well
<b>Diana MacArthur</b>	Maxine McCoy's mother, recovering from heart surgery
<b>Delores Mahlbacher</b>	Tim Mahlbacher's mother, high blood pressure issues
<b>Ken Tipton</b>	Cara Blackmer's father, dealing with heart issues
<b>DeMarcus Turner, Sr.</b>	Linda Coe's son, dealing with a lot of pain

## 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	

*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, May 3

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults (Stepping into the Bible, Semester 16).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult 3.

## Tuesday, May 5

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

## 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. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard for more details.
- ◆ **Memorial Service for Mike Archer.** See the office for details.

## Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Bree Solis & James Lang** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon. See Julie Williams for more details.

## Saturday, May 23

- ◆ **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.

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

## Friday, May 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brenda & Sarah Collier. Dinner will be provided. Please bring drinks to share. See Ivan Villard for more 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.

## Saturday, August 1

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



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

## 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 17

- ◆ **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 worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

# 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 *May*

**May 1: Mark 5:35-43**

Mark's Account of Jesus Raising Jairus' Daughter

**May 2: Matthew 9:23-26; Luke 8:49-56**

Matthew and Luke's Accounts of Jesus Raising Jairus' Daughter

**May 3: Matthew 9:27-34**

Jesus Heals the Blind, Mute and Demon-Possessed

**May 4: Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth Again

**May 5: Matthew 9:35-10:4**

The Need for More Workers and Sending Out the Twelve

**May 6: Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6**

Mark and Luke's Accounts of Jesus Instructing the Twelve for Their Commission

**May 7: Matthew 10:5-15**

Matthew's Account of Jesus Instructing the Twelve for Their Commission

**May 8: Matthew 10:16-31**

Jesus Warns His Disciples of Persecution

**May 9: Matthew 10:32-42**

Jesus Calls for His Disciples to Remain True

**May 10: Matthew 14:1-2; Mark 6:14-16; Luke 9:7-9**

Herod Antipas Mistakes Jesus for John the Baptist

**May 11: Mark 6:17-29**

Mark's Account of Herod's Beheading of John the Baptist

**May 12: Matthew 14:3-12**

Matthew's Account of Herod's Beheading of John the Baptist

**May 13: Mark 6:30-44**

Mark's Account of Jesus Feeding the 5,000

**May 14: Matthew 14:13-21**

Matthew's Account of Jesus Feeding the 5,000

**May 15: Luke 9:10-17**

Luke's Account of Jesus Feeding the 5,000

**May 16: John 6:1-14**

John's Account of Jesus Feeding the 5,000

**May 17: Matthew 14:22-33**

Matthew's Account of Jesus Walking on the Water

**May 18: Mark 6:45-52**

Mark's Account of Jesus Walking on the Water

**May 19: John 6:15-21**

John's Account of Jesus Walking on the Water

**May 20: Matthew 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56**

Jesus Heals Many Sick in Gennesaret

**May 21: John 6:22-29**

Jesus Teaches to Labor for Everlasting Life

**May 22: John 6:30-47**

Jesus Is the Bread of Life Who Came from Heaven

**May 23: John 6:48-59**

Jesus Teaches About True Faith and Commitment

**May 24: John 6:60-71**

Many Disciples Turn Away

**May 25: Matthew 15:1-9**

Matthew's Account of Jesus Warning About the Traditions of Men

**May 26: Mark 7:1-13**

Mark's Account of Jesus Warning About the Traditions of Men

**May 27: Mark 7:14-23**

Mark's Account of Jesus Warning About Defilement from Within

**May 28: Matthew 15:10-20**

Matthew's Account of Jesus Warning About Defilement from Within

**May 29: Mark 7:24-30**

Mark's Account of Jesus Healing a Gentile Woman's Daughter

**May 30: Matthew 15:21-28**

Matthew's Account of Jesus Healing a Gentile Woman's Daughter

**May 31: Matthew 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37**

Jesus Heals a Deaf, Mute Man and Many Others

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
April 26

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Hayley Fraser; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. Noel Michelet; Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Jamie Reeves; Ms. Meghan Styles; and Ms. Brittany Terry.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey & Lorraine Browne, Miramar, FL; Ms. Carolyn Faith, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Ms. Dorcas Francois, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Bren Truitt, Littleton, CO; Mr. Deric Williams, Gahanna, OH; and Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Michelle Williams, Goodyear, AZ.

# Lightpost

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Tuesday, May 5th

Tom & Young DiNetta (Ann.)  
Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.)  
Willie Wilkins

Friday, May 8th

Jacqui Jenkins  
Chuck Reeves  
Jackie Stout

Wednesday, May 6th

Rachel Fuller  
Jonetta Green  
Nicholas Pietro

Saturday, May 9th

Leigh Puckett

## Vacation Bible School

**May 31-June 3**

Each Night at 7:00 p.m.



DETAILS or RSVP: Scan the QR Code

### 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, May 3**

Opening Prayer ..... Phil Porter  
Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Scripture Reading ..... Stephen Beliech  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Tim Cox  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:

Beau Caviness Orlando Lolo  
Andres Fernandez Steward Lynch  
Ryan Hankins Tim Mahlbacher  
Namddie Ikon Lawrence Williams

**Sunday Evening, May 3**

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

Serve at Table:

Andres Fernandez Todd Juckett

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

**Wednesday Evening, May 6**

Singing ..... Chuck Reeves  
Invitation ..... Tom Garrison  
Family Prayer ..... Phil Porter

### Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 26	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	136	167
Sun. AM Worship	243	261
Sun. PM Worship	86	110
Wed. Bible Study	115	111
Contribution	\$16,985	\$17,112

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,518

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

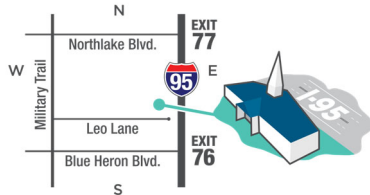
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Bret Nesbitt  
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*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: Jim & Amelia Rogers

## 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

**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"

**June 10-14**

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women

**July 19-25**

Forever Camp at CFBC for Ages 10-18

**July 27-August 3**

Adult Mission Trip to Marsh Harbour, Bahamas