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*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*

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Promotion  
Sunday



Meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.

High School  
Graduates'  
Luncheon

Sunday, May 24

After morning worship  
in the Family Room.

CLASS OF  
**2026**  
Honoring Our  
Graduates  
(See Page 2)

# Congratulations, Graduates!



## Casey Crews

**High School:** ICL Academy (Academics), Jupiter (Athletics)  
**Activities in School:** National Honor Society, Varsity Baseball (4 years), Future Business Leaders of America  
**Awards:** President's List (4 years), Perfect Game Tournament MVP (2025), Jupiter Varsity Baseball Leadership Award (2026)  
**Hobbies:** spending time with family, traveling  
**PBL Memories:** Attending church services, Leadership Training Camp, Stepping into the Bible  
**Future plans:** Attend Freed-Hardeman University, play baseball, double major in accounting and finance



## Trinity Franck

**High School:** Suncoast  
**Activities in School:** Varsity Indoor and Beach Volleyball, Vice Pres. of Black Student Union, Class Rep. for Healing Hands Across Campus  
**Awards:** IB Diploma, Honor Roll for 4 years, various volleyball awards  
**Hobbies:** baking, volleyball, trying new foods, traveling  
**PBL Memories:** CFBC, CYC, Senior High Devos  
**Future plans:** Attend University of Central Florida on a Pre-Vet Track, transfer to College of Veterinary Medicine at University of Florida



## Connor Goodale

**High School:** P.B. Central  
**Activities in School:** basketball, weightlifting  
**Awards:** Honor Roll, AICE Diploma, numerous academic awards  
**Hobbies:** studying and discussing the Bible, spending time with friends  
**PBL Memories:** Leadership Training Camp, mission trip, Bible Award at CFBC, preaching, VBS  
**Future plans:** Attend Freed-Hardeman University, double major in Bible and Business

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### Recent College Graduates: *(if known)*

Vivian Blackmer (Freed-Hardeman University)  
Katie Goodale (University of South Florida)  
Emma Reeves (University of Central Florida)

### Other Known Graduates:

Pershira Hodges





By Dan Jenkins

## Faithfulness First Demands Faith

The Bible shows in many ways the truth affirmed by Paul when he said, “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scripture might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). He uses the word “before” to call our attention to the Old Testament scriptures, for it was almost three decades before there were New Testament scriptures.

Look carefully at this verse and focus on each word. The word “whatever” emphasizes that no part of that old law should be overlooked. The word “learning” affirms that we can understand it and heaven’s expectation is for us to know it. You would be wise to meditate on how those scriptures are related to patience, comfort and hope.

The Jews of Jesus’ day failed to see one vital truth, and this resulted in the religion of the Pharisees. That truth was simply stated by Habakkuk. “The just shall live by his faith” (Hab. 2:4). If you want overwhelming proof of this read Hebrews chapter 11—it is a summation of the place of faith in the lives of the Old Testament saints.

The Pharisees developed a religion that did not involve faith in the heart. Instead, they focused on another verse and ignored their need for the blood of Jesus. Paul said, “The

law is not of faith, but the man who does them shall live by them” (Gal. 3:12). They turned their attention away from faith and turned to the external laws of the Old Testament. They counted them and decided there were 613 commandments, and their religion centered around these commandments. They ever added their own interpretation and added more external laws like the sabbath day journey, washing hands before eating and so many “truths” created in their hearts.

**We must learn that there is no faithfulness without there first being faith**

God never intended for the Old Testament to be a system of the knowledge of external rules and perfectly keeping them. When Moses gave the law to the Jews, He plainly said, “These words which I command you today shall be in your heart” (Deut. 6:6). It was not His plan for them to remain on the tablets of stone, or even to just memorize or number them and make a list to be used to see if one is righteous. The commands were to become part of the soul of His people who first engraved them in their hearts.

Remove faith from the commandments and you develop a religion like the Jews. You find no joy in Christianity because you will never be good enough to enter heaven. When you make Christianity only external you live in guilt because you are not keeping every commandment you have numbered to be in your life. When you love Him, you will obey Him and you will find the joy of living faith!



By David Sproule

## Spiritual Growth: Add Self-Control

Once we know what is right, the next challenge is doing it consistently. That is why Peter says to “add...to knowledge self-control” (2 Pet. 1:6). Self-control is the ability to govern oneself—to master desires, impulses and appetites rather than be mastered by them. The Greek word carries the idea of “holding oneself in,” having power over one’s passions. It is strength that is directed inward.

This quality is essential because knowledge alone is not enough. It is possible to know what is right and still fail to do it. Without self-control, knowledge becomes little more than unused information—which is useless. Self-control is what enables us to put knowledge into practice.

Jesus made self-denial a requirement for being His disciple: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself” (Luke 9:23). Paul recognized the same necessity, when he compared the Christian life to an athlete who disciplines his body in order to win (1 Cor. 9:24-27). Without self-control, spiritual failure is inevitable.

The struggle for self-control is real. Scripture describes the conflict between the flesh and the spirit (Gal. 5:16-17). Even Paul spoke of the internal battle between knowing what is right and struggling to do it (Rom. 7:15-19). Left to our-

selves, we are often overpowered by our own desires.

But there is hope. Self-control begins with a transformed life in Christ. In baptism, we are set free from the dominion of sin and raised to walk a new life (Rom. 6:3-6, 12-14). While temptation remains, sin no longer has to rule over us.

From there, self-control grows as we are guided by the Word of God. When we fill our minds with Scripture and walk according to its truth, we are able to resist the desires of the flesh (Gal. 5:16; Psa. 119:11). God’s Word reshapes our thinking and strengthens our resolve. It also grows as we rely on God’s strength. We are not left to fight alone—God works in us and strengthens us (Phil. 2:12-13; 4:13). Through prayer and dependence on Him, we gain the strength to overcome. We cannot do it without HIM!

Self-control is demonstrated in everyday decisions—controlling the body, the tongue and even the ego. It is choosing holiness over indulgence, humility over pride, and service over selfishness. It also involves proper balance. True self-control is not based on human rules or outward restrictions that appear spiritual but lack real power (Col. 2:20-23). It is a heart-driven discipline that is rooted in God’s truth.

If we are to grow as Christians, we must learn to master ourselves. Faith begins the process. Knowledge directs it. But self-control makes it real in daily life.

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Marie Achille</b>	Aviata Rehab (Wallis Rd, WPB ), recovering from stroke
<b>David Brown</b>	scheduled for reverse shoulder replacement in July
<b>Anthioda Charles</b>	recovering from a bone marrow biopsy
<b>Skye Brown</b>	multiple medical tests, possible procedures or surgeries
<b>Carolyn Cullom</b>	Encompass Rehab in Stuart (visitors are welcome)
<b>Nicole Freseman</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	upcoming MRI
<b>Mary Beth Hester</b>	dealing with back pain
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Charlene Knowles</b>	dealing with a lot of pain in her leg
<b>Bonnie Quigley</b>	dealing with health issues
<b>Jermaine Smith</b>	now home from the hospital

## 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

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Leigh Puckett
Gloria Boyd	Don Seay
Josie Dawson	Ricky Smedley
Zula Garrett	Jackie Stout
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams
Kasandra Jones	Evetta Wilson
Owen Miley	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Donald Coe</b>	Linda Coe's father, declining health
<b>Jerry Davis</b>	Judy Bird's brother, started chemo treatments
<b>Ann Graham</b>	Luann's McLeod's mother, not doing well
<b>Dan Greaves</b>	Dannette Margarini's father, recovering from hand surg.
<b>Tim Mahlbacher</b>	Delores Mahlbacher, ongoing health issues
<b>DeRita Summerlot</b>	Darin Summerlot's mother, skin cancer surgery
<b>Ken Tipton</b>	Cara Blackmer's father, recovering from heart bypass
<b>Frank Williams</b>	Sylvester Jackson's brother, under Hospice Care, cancer

*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 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.

## Monday, May 25

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

## Tuesday, May 26

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

## Wednesday-Friday, May 27-29

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday, then on Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and help decorate for VBS. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Saturday, May 30

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

## Sunday, May 31

- ◆ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services** at 6:00 p.m.

## Sunday, May 31-Wednesday, June 3

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Sailing with Paul on the High C's."* We will be serving dinner Monday-Wednesday from 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Everyone is welcome but this is especially for families with children). **We need your RSVP if you plan to enjoy dinner with us.**



## Sunday, June 7

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying each Sunday in June** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Wednesday, June 10

- ◆ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Steven Akin will be speaking on *"I Know My Problems Will Not Last."*

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

## Wednesday-Friday, May 27-29

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday, then on Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and help decorate for VBS. 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 6:30 p.m. at Lucky Strike in Jupiter. Pay at the door. See Ivan Villard for more 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.



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

## 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 at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. See Robert Lupo for more details.

## Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **His Kids Camp** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for PBL kids ages 5-11 (please, no friends or relatives). Lunch will be provided. Parents and PBL members are encouraged to come at the end for a presentation by the young boys and a separate class for the girls. See David Sproule for more details.

## Sunday, May 31

- ◆ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services** at 6:00 p.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> b Bret Nesbitt b Melinda Price	<b>2</b> a Beau & Carly Caviness	<b>3</b> b Sabrina Clayton b Connor Goodale	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> b Haley Hall	<b>6</b> a Michael & Astrid Menendez b Sandy DeVall
<b>Vacation Bible School (May 31-June 3)</b>						
<b>7</b> ☆ <b>Shepherds Praying</b> a David & Daisy Lord b Maria Hackshaw	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> a Stephen & Carolina Beliech b Namdidie Ikon	<b>10</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Steven Akin</b> a Bill & Gai Ingram b Amberdenise Puckett	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ☆ <b>PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting</b> ☆ <b>Widows &amp; Widowers Gathering</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Singing Night</b> a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins b Taylor Sue Price b Squadeina Ross b Yvette Watts
			<b>Leadership Training Camp (June 10-13)</b>			
<b>14</b> ☆ <b>Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented</b> ☆ <b>Shepherds Praying</b> a Jeff & Diane Leslie b Mary Beth Hester	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> b Ally Alberga	<b>17</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Baptiste Joseph</b> b Mary Jackson	<b>18</b> a Dan & Judie Jenkins	<b>19</b> a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Judy Carmack b Gwen Lyons	<b>20</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Bowling</b> a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson
<b>21</b> ☆ <b>Wedding Shower for Halle Johnson &amp; Daniel Wagner</b> ☆ <b>Shepherds Praying</b> a Ivan & Amber Villard	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon b Israel Cuevas	<b>24</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Terry Frizzell</b> a Bret & Shelley Nesbitt	<b>25</b> b Rodney Woods	<b>26</b> ☆ <b>Ladies' Fellowship Movie Night</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Sr. High &amp; Adult Mission Trip (June 22-29)</b>						
<b>28</b> ☆ <b>Shepherds Praying</b> b Reanna Lupo b Cheryl Milton	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> a Edward & Ellen Gager				

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 Thank You  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
May 17

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Karen Carrara; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. James Lang; Mr. Mark Lester; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. Phalin Mitchell; Mr. Richard Moggison; Ms. Jean Powers; Miss Rebecca Wise; and Ms. Staci Young.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Philip & Connie Barth, Dublin, OH; Mr. Geoffrey Brown, Miramar, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Shirley Edwards, Beaverton, Ontario; Mr. & Mrs. John & Lisa Gooch, The Woodlands, TX; Ms. Carmen Perez, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; and Mr. Peter Williams, Orlando, FL.

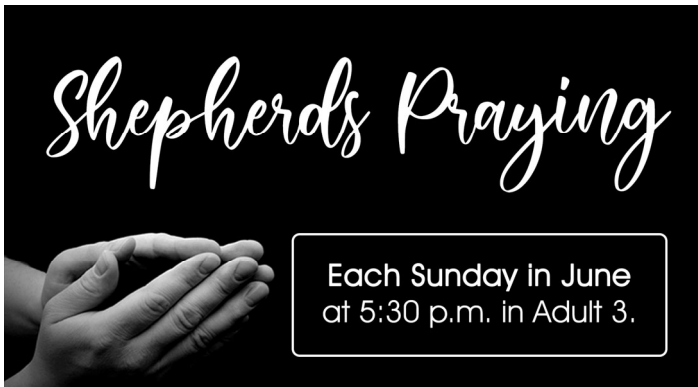
Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Tuesday, May 26th

Lawrence & Julie Williams (Ann.)  
Patrick & Nikki O’Hanlon (Ann.)  
Gloria Boyd

Saturday, May 30th

Dianne Halenda

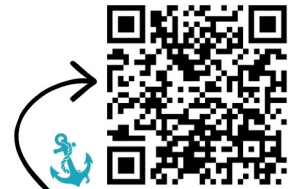


## Vacation Bible School



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 24

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech  
Scripture Reading ..... Robert Mariano  
Singing  
Lord’s Supper ..... Phil Porter  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Orlando Lolo

Serve at Table:

Beau Caviness	Steward Lynch
Ryan Hankins	Tim Mahlbacher
Jack Holoman	Taylor Reeves
Namdidie Ikon	Nahum Villard

#### Sunday Evening, May 24

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan Jenkins  
Scripture Reading ..... Trevin Roman  
Singing  
Lord’s Supper ..... Tom Garrison  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Victor Colage

Serve at Table:

Joe Maloney	Nahum Villard
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Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Addison Collins

Video this week: Scott Studer

#### Wednesday Evening, May 27

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Victor Colage  
Family Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech

### Our Record

Attendance	May 17	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	144
Sun. AM Worship	246	253
Sun. PM Worship	91	92
Wed. Bible Study	116	103
Contribution	\$17,440	\$17,873

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,358

Service Coordinator:  
Tim Cox

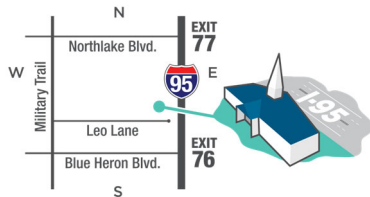
Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Tim Fry  
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
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: **Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon**

And he sat down and called  
the twelve. And he said to them,

**IF ANYONE  
WOULD BE FIRST,**

he must be last of all and servant of all.

**MARK 9:35**