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Vacation Bible School
Hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

SAILING
with Paul

ON THE HIGH C'S

May 31-June 3
Each Night at 7:00 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

Is It God's Will for You to Be Baptized?

The expression “for the remission of sins” was included with the saving blood of Jesus in the upper room. As He took the cup, He said, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” There would be no salvation for any individual if there was not the shedding of His blood. No one can misunderstand the meaning of the expression “for the remission of sins.”

If this expression indicates an action by Jesus to bring about salvation, consider the baptism of John the Baptist. He was a messenger sent by God to prepare the world for the coming of Jesus. He introduced an action not found in the Old Testament. He immersed people in water. His impact was so immense. “Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins” (Matt. 3:5-6). Not everyone was baptized by John, for the next verse shows that the leaders of the Pharisees and Sadducees came to see what was happening and turned away when John rebuked them. If you know anything about these leaders, you know there was no way they would confess their sins and be baptized.

Why did John baptize people? What was the purpose of John's baptism? God reveals to us the purpose of this bap-

tism. “John came in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins” (Mark 1:4). Jesus shed His blood in order to bring about the “remission of sins” and John was baptizing the multitudes in order to bring about the “remission of sins.” It is described as a baptism of repentance because John not only taught that those with sins had to be baptized, but he also taught the necessity of repentance (Matt. 3:2). Those who repented were then baptized, but those leaders refused to repent.

How serious would it be if you were not baptized to wash away your sins?

How serious was it to reject the baptism of John in order to bring about salvation? Let God give us the answer. “And when all the people heard him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him” (Luke 7:29-30). The teaching of baptism for the remission of sins was a message sent to John from heaven (cf. Matt. 21:25). To reject it was to reject the will of God. To refuse baptism was to leave with the burden and consequences of sin still upon them.

Why did John refuse to baptize Jesus? It was because both John and Jesus knew the purpose of baptism. John was the sinner, but Jesus had no sins.

Read Acts 2:38. How serious would it be if you refuse to repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins?



By David Sproule

Spiritual Growth: Add Perseverance

It is one thing to begin doing what is right—it is another to keep doing it. That is why Peter says to “add...to self-control perseverance” (2 Pet. 1:6). Perseverance (or “steadfastness,” ESV) means endurance. The Greek word carries the idea of “remaining under” or bearing up under pressure. It is the ability to stay faithful through trials and difficulties.

This quality is more than passive endurance. It is not simply “grin and bear it.” It is active persistence—a determination to press forward toward the destination despite obstacles. This is essential to spiritual growth. Self-control helps us do what is right today—perseverance helps us keep doing it tomorrow and the next day and the next. Without perseverance, early progress can be lost.

Scripture emphasizes how necessary this quality is, as we are to “let patience have its perfect work” so that we may be complete (Jas. 1:4), and we are to bear fruit “with patience” (Luke 8:15). Eternal life itself is promised to those who patiently continue in doing good (Rom. 2:7; Heb. 10:36). We must persevere in two key arenas: trials and temptations. Trials can discourage us and tempt us to give up. Temptations can distract us and pull us away. Both can render us unfruitful if we do not remain steadfast.

Without perseverance, early progress can be lost.

So how do we develop perseverance? First, through the Word of God. Scripture provides both encouragement and hope, helping us endure (Rom. 15:4). As we fill our minds with God's promises, we are strengthened to keep going.

Second, through the right perspective. We must look to Jesus, who endured the cross and now reigns in glory (Heb. 12:1-2). We must also remember the examples of faithful servants who endured before us (Jas. 5:10-11). Their lives remind us that perseverance is possible—and worth it.

Third, through trials themselves. We do not welcome difficulties, but they play a role in shaping endurance (Rom. 5:3-4). Trials test and strengthen our faith, preparing us for greater challenges ahead.

Fourth, through encouragement from others. Fellowship with fellow Christians helps us remain faithful. Through exhortation and shared strength, we are better equipped to endure (Heb. 3:12-14; 10:24-25).

Finally, perseverance grows when we focus on the future. The trials of this life are temporary, but the reward is eternal (2 Cor. 4:16-18). That perspective helps us press on.

Perseverance is demonstrated when we remain faithful in both difficult and distracting circumstances—continuing to serve God and moving forward no matter what. If we are to reach the goal, we must not quit.



By Robert Lupo

What Do You Miss on Sunday Nights?

For a long time, it has been obvious to anyone that attendance on Sunday nights is significantly lower than Sunday mornings. There are certainly many legitimate reasons why someone might not be able to come back for a second worship service. For example, some members are elderly and are not able to drive at night. Others might have to work evening shifts on Sundays. However, the decision is often made simply because a member doesn't feel an obligation to attend a second service.

We likely are familiar with the Scriptural reasons for attending all gatherings of the saints. When the Hebrews writer wrote, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25), he did not specify a number of times a week. The implication is that faithful Christians should prioritize every meeting of the saints when feasible. So, why then would a Christian choose to miss time with their brethren? Perhaps they just don't know what they're missing. Here are just a few things Christians miss out on when they skip Sunday evening service.

First, they miss out on **deeper Biblical study**. In our

congregation, our elders have noticed that Sunday evenings are an opportunity to dig into more complex Bible subjects. So, if you miss a Sunday night sermon, you are likely missing out on a truly intriguing and uplifting message from the Scriptures you wouldn't get in a morning sermon.

Second, they also miss out on **sharing the Lord's Supper** with those who can't attend morning services. In our day, it is impractical for many to keep their job and attend morning and evening worship. This is one of the main reasons our congregation has two services to begin with. Attending in the evening allows us to commune with these members in the remembrance of our Lord's death in accordance with 1 Corinthians 11:18-22. No one is left hungry.

Third, they miss out on **more congregational prayer and singing**. In Romans 15:5-6, Paul exhorted the church, saying, "Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Prayer and song unites us in purpose, doctrine and supplications. Is once or twice a week enough time for us to spend praising God together? On the contrary. We need as much as we can get!

If you haven't been to a Sunday evening service in a while, I assure you—you don't know what you are missing!

...faithful

Christians should prioritize every meeting of the saints...

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Hello, devil! Come on in!"

We would not normally think that our actions are inviting the devil to "come on in," but do they? Eve would have never dreamed of the consequences that would follow eating that fruit. She just saw something that, in her mind, was "good," "pleasant" and "desirable" (Gen. 3:6). Yet, in so doing, she was inviting the devil to "come on in." David would have, no doubt, avoided putting himself in a sexually tempting situation, if he knew the long-term damage it would do to his family (2 Sam. 11-12). Little did he realize that night that he was inviting the devil to "come on in." Judas was a "close friend" of Jesus, whom He "trusted" (Psa. 41:9). He may have thought that he was un-touchable or unassailable, walking so closely with Jesus; yet, his love of money invited the devil to "come on in" (Luke 22:3-6; John 13:2, 21-30).

Friends, we must "not give the devil an opportunity" (Eph. 4:27), even a seemingly insignificant one! We must "resist" him (Jas. 4:7), and do so "steadfast in the faith" (1 Pet. 5:9), lest he catch us (2 Tim. 2:26) and "devour" us (1 Pet. 5:8). — DS



Lost shoe

I saw this little shoe in a parking lot all by itself this morning. It made me sad to think about the little toddler who got home without a shoe and for the parent who probably searched the car and bags diligently looking for a lost shoe. All the while, the shoe is here by itself, of no real use to anyone, and will sooner rather than later end up in the trash.

Upon seeing this shoe, my mind quickly went to lost souls all around us. It's as if they are unknowingly left behind in a parking lot all by themselves. Perhaps at one time there were folks looking for them, but ultimately all hope was given up. Out there on its own, a lost soul has no real purpose, and it will, sooner rather than later, end up in an eternal hell.

Do you feel bad for lost souls, out there on their own, not knowing even that they are lost? I wish I could have taken that shoe to its proper home, but I couldn't. Do you wish you could help a lost soul to its proper home? You can! — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	Aviata Rehab (Wallis Rd, WPB), recovering from stroke
Gloria Boyd	in Jupiter Rehab Center
David Brown	scheduled for reverse shoulder replacement in July
Skye Brown	multiple medical tests, possible procedures or surgeries
Claire Crews	shoulder labrum repair on May 28
Carolyn Cullom	Encompass Rehab in Stuart (visitors are welcome)
Paul Davidson	dealing with severe pain that is not improving
Dianne Halenda	MRI rescheduled for June 2
Mary Beth Hester	dealing with back pain
Bill Ingram, Jr.	moved to Discovery Commons, advanced Alzheimer's
Loretta James	having tests for severe pain
Lynne Jorgensen	endoscopy on June 2

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

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

Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, declining health
Loretta Daniels	Melinda Price's mother, in the hospital
Jerry Davis	Judy Bird's brother, undergoing chemo treatments
Vera Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' sister, recovering from stroke
Tim Mahlbacher	Delores Mahlbacher, ongoing health issues
Connie Tipton	Cara Blackmer's mother, triple bypass surgery
Ken Tipton	Cara Blackmer's father, quadruple bypass surgery
Frank Williams	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 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."*

Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in Adult 3. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Gathering.** See John Hoelzer for more details.

Sunday, June 14

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** during morning services.
- ◆ **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 17

- ◆ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Baptiste Joseph will be speaking on *"I Know the World Needs Him."*

Sunday, June 21

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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."*

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** 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.

Saturday, August 8

- ◆ **Youth & Young Adult Basketball Hangout** at 5:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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.**



Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan Jenkins, David Sproule or Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, June 14

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** during morning services.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - June 2026

June 7 ^(P)

June 14 ^(A)

June 21 ^(L)

June 28 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dan Fuller	Dan McLeod	Gary Jenkins	Dan Jenkins
Scripture Reader	Connor Goodale	Andres Fernandez	Addison Collins	Islay Rodriguez
Presiding at Table	Jeff Goodale	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes	Dan McLeod
Serving at Table	Michael Erickson Kingsley Gardner James Green Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder	Beau Caviness Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Lawrence Williams	Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Ken Gonsalves Rick Hall Can Margarini Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez Darin Summerlot	Casey Crews Michael Erickson Kingsley Gardner Jeff Goodale Jeff Leslie Vince Rogers Joseph Snyder Marty Williams
Closing Prayer	Eugene Williams	Tim Cox	Freddie Gadson	James Green

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer	Kirk Crews	Phil Porter	Douglas Alvarenga	Eugene Williams
Scripture Reader	Casey Crews	Tom Garrison	Daniel Wagner	Jim Rogers
Presiding at Table	Dan Jenkins	Bret Nesbitt	David Lord	Jimmie Banks
Serving at Table	John Patrick Islay Rodriguez	Joe Maloney Trevin Roman	Rick Hall Mike Damron	Connor Goodale John Patrick
Closing Prayer	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry	David Brown	John Hoelzer

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	Jimmie Banks	Nahum Villard	Dirk Summerlot	Kirk Crews
Usher	Rick Hall Marty Williams	Victor Colage Jack Holoman	Rick Price Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Kane Campbell Michael Menendez

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Rick Hall	Mike Damron	Eugene Williams	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,
May 24

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Susan Branden; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Miss Blair Donovan; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Mr. Andrew Jackson; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Nathan Norwood; Ms. Jean Power; Ms. Natalia Taylor; and Mr. Trevor Wellington.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Philip & Connie Barth, Dublin, OH; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Will Isidort, Sanford, FL; Mrs. Sheena Locklin, Jay, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Tray & Karen Norwood, Winchester, TN; Ms. Linda Pierre, North Port, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, May 31st
Douglas Alvarenga

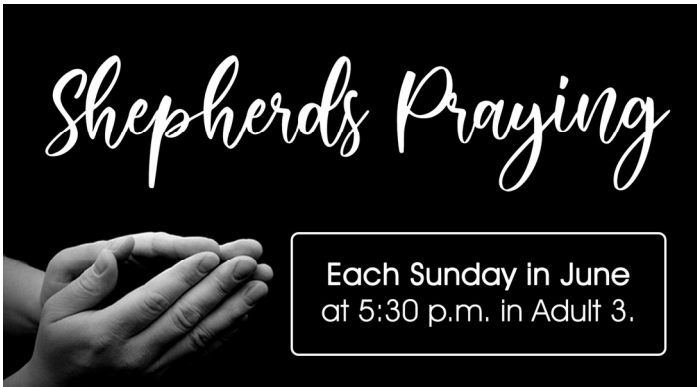
Wednesday, June 3rd
Sabrina Clayton
Connor Goodale

Monday, June 1st
Bret Nesbitt
Melinda Price

Friday, June 5th
Haley Hall

Tuesday, June 2nd
Beau & Carly Caviness (Ann.)

Saturday, June 6th
Michael & Astrid Menendez (Ann.)
Sandy DeVall



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 31

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Singing
Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading Darin Summerlot
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Lord

Serve at Table:
Ed Buonadonna Ed Gager
Mike Damron Can Margarini
Gorman Ericksen Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Freddie Gadson Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, May 31

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: James Green
Computer this week: Ivan Villard
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, June 3

Singing VBS
Invitation VBS
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	May 31	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	193	144
Sun. AM Worship	275	253
Sun. PM Worship	97	92
Wed. Bible Study	101	103
Contribution	\$16,133	\$17,873

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$10,330

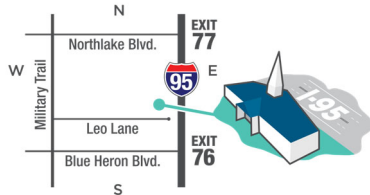
Service Coordinator: Rick Hall (AM) & Robert Lupo (PM) Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Bobby Shelton
Safety Team for this week: Addison Collins



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: Griffin & Katherine Goodale

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

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

August 9

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

September 19

Teacher Appreciation Banquet

September 20

Friends & Family Day with Eric Garner