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# Shepherds Praying



**Sundays in June**  
At 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.

Summer Series Bible Study

# Because *He Lives*



Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

## “Satan” Told Jesus How to Build the Church

The apostles knew that Jesus had to be the Messiah because they had seen and heard what He had said and done. Yet, they had a wrong view about the coming King and His kingdom. They were preaching that the kingdom was coming but had no comprehension of its nature.

This is so vividly seen in the event found in Matthew chapter sixteen. Jesus and His disciples were in northern Galilee when the Lord asked them to tell Him who people thought He was.

Some people saw Him as being like Moses, the great lawgiver, who had delivered laws and the commandments of God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminded those who heard Him about what Moses had said about killing, adultery, divorce and oaths. Jesus was delivering new laws and commandments but contrasting what Moses said and then saying, “But I say...”

Some thought He was like Elijah. This prophet was so devoted to truth that he openly rebuked those who rejected what God had said. Jesus also openly rebuked the hypocritical leaders just as Elijah shamelessly rebuked Ahab and Jezebel.

Others thought He was John the Baptist whom Herod had killed because John kept on telling the king that he had no right to take another man’s wife as his own. Jesus spoke just as

clearly about the sanctity of marriage. People responded to John’s teaching about baptism and when Jesus began His work, He baptized more people than John (John 4:1-2).

Jesus then promised that He would build the church and even the gates of hell could not prevail against this (Matt. 16:18). These words had to encourage the apostles about what was about to happen. They had been preaching about the coming of the kingdom and Jesus was ready to deliver the keys of the kingdom.

**The church does not belong to men, but to Jesus and all should follow Him**

All of this happened just six months before the cross, and for the first time He revealed that the elders, chief priests and scribes were going to kill him. Peter took Jesus aside and rebuked the Son of God, saying, “Lord, this shall not happen to You!”

How did Jesus respond to this? “Get behind Me, Satan...you are an offence to Me...you do not savor the things of God, but of men.” He was saying to Peter that the church, the coming kingdom, did not belong to Peter. Peter was trying to tell Jesus what it should be like. He was far *ahead* of the plan of God. Jesus told him to get *behind* Him and to become a follower. Jesus is the Lord; Peter is the follower.

What a lesson for men today! The church does not belong to men. Too many are far “ahead” of Jesus and what the church should be like. We should follow Him and His plan.



By David Sproule

## Spiritual Growth: Add Love

Peter concludes this list of Christian graces with the highest and most comprehensive quality: “add...to brotherly kindness love” (2 Pet. 1:7). This is the pinnacle of spiritual growth.

The word used here is *agape*—a love that seeks the highest good of others. It goes beyond affection for fellow Christians and extends to all people, including enemies (Matt. 5:44). It is the fullest expression of Christ-like character.

Scripture places special emphasis on this kind of love. It is greater than faith and hope (1 Cor. 13:13). It is the first component of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). It is the bond that holds all other virtues together (Col. 3:14).

Agape love is unique. It is not based on emotion or convenience. It is a deliberate choice—a commitment of the will. It is unconditional, not depending on whether others deserve it. It is unselfish, not seeking something in return. It is sacrificial, placing the needs of others above our own. And it is enduring—it “never fails” (1 Cor. 13:8).

This kind of love is essential. Jesus taught that loving others—even enemies—reflects the nature of our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:45). It defines the Christian life. We are to “walk in love” (Eph. 5:2), serve one another through love (Gal.

5:13), and do all things with love (1 Cor. 16:14).

So how do we develop this love? First, by looking to God. He demonstrated His love by giving His Son for sinners (Rom. 5:8). His love is the model and the motivation for ours.

Second, by following the example of Jesus. He showed the greatest love by laying down His life (John 15:13). His life becomes the standard for how we treat others.

Third, by practicing the qualities described in 1 Corinthians 13. Love is patient, kind, humble, forgiving and enduring. These are not abstract ideas—they are daily choices we must make in our interactions with others.

Finally, love must be demonstrated. Our love for God is shown by keeping His commandments (John 14:15). Our love for others is shown through action—helping those in need and living “in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:16-18).

This is where spiritual growth leads. Faith begins the process. Each quality builds upon the last. But love brings it all together. If we truly grow as God intends, our lives will be marked by this kind of love—a love that reflects the heart of God and reaches the lives of others.

The growth described in 2 Peter 1:5-7 is essential and it never reaches an end. What needs your attention today?

**God’s love is the model and the motivation for ours.**



By Robert Lupo

## The Pressure of Social Media

When I was growing up, I was constantly reminded by my parents, my teachers, and my church leaders to resist peer pressure. I was told, “Evil company corrupts good morals” (1 Cor. 15:33). This was certainly good advice. Our peers can hold a tremendous amount of power over a young person. They want to be liked and feel like they belong. So, when a crowd shows them a certain amount of acceptance, they may conform to any number of trends or habits within that group.

When I was in high school, the number of peers that might have influence over me was probably somewhere around fifty. I had close friends in the youth group at church and in the drama club at school. Back then, MySpace was the only social media platform and all of the friends I had there were the same people I knew in real life. My world of influence would be considered pretty small by today’s standards. But, that was still enough to sway me to make several detrimental mistakes in my youth.

The peer pressure we had as children doesn’t come close to comparing to what today’s youth are facing. Not only do our children have pressure from friends they know in real life, but they also receive pressure from millions of social me-

dia influencers and users tailored to prey on their most base curiosities. Every Google search they make or website they visit is recorded and sent to social media platforms to shape what pages, profiles, and forum threads they are recommended and what ads they see. Any doubt or question they have about morality could bring them to a page with thousands of people with different religious values, upvoting the most popular takes.

**How did we get to a point where one in four teens is openly identifying as LGBTQ?**

We need to understand what this kind of influence is having on children today. According to the news site, The Hill, “The CDC says the number of LGBTQ students went from 11 percent in 2015 to 26 percent in 2021.” How did we get to a point where one in four teens is openly identifying as LGBTQ? It is the pressure of social media. For the first time in history, our children have been given a popularity-based system of measuring their worth. What matters is not how many of my friends compliment me or invite me to hang out. What matters is how many ‘likes’ my post gets from complete strangers. The more shocking the post, the better the reception.

“Evil company corrupts good morals.” What kind of company are your kids keeping online? They may have ten friends at church. How many friends do they have on Instagram?

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The devil doesn’t stop and neither should you

The present tense verb in Greek indicates ongoing, continuous or habitual action. Three of those verbs are used in one verse to describe the activity of the devil. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil WALKS ABOUT (present tense) like a ROARING (present tense) lion, SEEKING (present tense) whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8). The devil is incessant in his efforts to tempt you, deceive you and devour you. When you “resist” him, he “will flee from you” (Jas. 4:7), but you can be certain that when another “opportune time” comes (Luke 4:13), he will be back.

That’s why God tells us to “resist” him (Jas. 4:7), even “resist him steadfast in the faith (1 Pet. 5:9). God tells us to “Be sober” and “be vigilant” (1 Pet. 5:8). The tense of the imperatives in these verses (different from the present tense) emphasizes that every Christian must decisively wake up, stay on guard, take his stand and refuse to yield one inch to the evil one.

Fellow Christian, please “Watch and pray” (Matt. 26:41) for God’s strength to resist and be delivered (Matt. 6:13). – DS



### The busy and distracted Christian

Does your work have you busy? Maybe now more than ever? Nothing wrong with having a job (2 Thess. 3:10). But what if my work dominates my schedule and keeps me too busy and distracted to actively serve my Lord, which is my whole purpose in living?

Does the schedule of your kids’ activities and hobbies have you busy? Maybe busier than you used to be? Nothing wrong with raising kids (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). But what if the school, sports and extracurricular activities dominates my schedule and keeps me too busy and distracted to actively serve my Lord, which is my whole purpose in living?

Broaden that out. What about my personal hobbies? What about my friendships? What about my extended family? What about my need for space? What about my bucket list? What about me? Brethren, many of us are missing and even neglecting the “one thing” that matters (Luke 10:41-42; Phil. 3:13-14). The devil has convinced us that it’s no big deal—and he’s very effective. Fellow Christian, we need to be honest—are we too busy and distracted? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Marie Achille</b>	now at home, recovering from stroke
<b>Gloria Boyd</b>	in Jupiter Rehab Center
<b>David Brown</b>	scheduled for reverse shoulder replacement in July
<b>Skye Brown</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Carolyn Cullom</b>	still in the hospital (No visitors)
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	awaiting test results
<b>Charlene Knowles</b>	awaiting test results
<b>Maxine McCoy</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Bret Nesbitt</b>	dealing with a kidney stone, in a lot of pain

## 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>Paul Eutsey</b>	Janice Maloney & Mary Quinn's brother, mild stroke
<b>James DiNetta</b>	Tom DiNetta's son, recovering from hip replacement
<b>Vera Gibson</b>	Ophelia Holmes' sister, recovering from stroke
<b>Diana MacArthur</b>	Maxine McCoy's mother, still struggling with health
<b>Tim Mahlbacher</b>	Delores Mahlbacher, ongoing health issues

*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, June 21

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Halle Johnson & Daniel Wagner** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying each Sunday in June** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray.

## Monday, June 22

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

## Tuesday, June 23

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

## Wednesday, June 24

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Frizzell will be speaking on *"I Know I Am Never Alone."*

## Friday, June 26

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. at Brookdale Assisted Living. Come and watch "The War Room: Prayer Is a Powerful Weapon." Food will be provided. Please RSVP on the bulletin board.

## Sunday, June 28

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

## Wednesday, July 1

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Jonathan Jenkins will be speaking on *"I Know He Will Come Again."*

## Friday, July 3

- ♦ **Congregational Baseball Game & Fireworks** at Roger Dean at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8/person if you sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, June 21. See Ivan Villard or Jimmie Banks for more details.

## Wednesday, July 8

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Creston Frizzell will be speaking on *"I Know Death Is Not the End."*

## Saturday, July 11

- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 11:30 a.m.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## Sunday, June 21

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Halle Johnson & Daniel Wagner** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon.

## Friday, July 3

- ♦ **Congregational Baseball Game & Fireworks** at Roger Dean at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8/person if you sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, June 21. See Ivan Villard or Jimmie Banks 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, July 25

- ♦ **Young Adult Beach Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## Saturday, August 8

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Basketball Hangout** at 5:00 p.m. All Jr. High, Sr. High and Young Adults are invited.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Monday, June 22-29

- ♦ **Sr. High & Adult Mission Trip** to Sneedville, TN. Please keep the mission team in your prayers.

## Sunday, July 5

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Bring desserts and drinks to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

## Saturday, July 11

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Movie Night** at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo. See Robert for more details.

## Saturday, July 18

- ♦ **Movie Night for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.

## Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Forever Camp at CFBC** for Age 10-Grade 12. Campers, please register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org). Adult volunteers are needed to help as counselors and staff for the week. Donations are needed for scholarships.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Jonathan Jenkins</b> a Andres & Angelica Fernandez	<b>2</b> a Ryan & Ola Hankins	<b>3</b> ☆ <b>Congregational Baseball &amp; Fireworks at Roger Dean</b> b Bethany Leslie b Julie Watson	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High Family Devo</b> b Debora Lynch b Jim Rogers b Amy West	<b>6</b> a Derrick & Stahia Banks a Paul & Sonia Davidson b Jeff Goodale	<b>7</b> a Ted & Laura Schuemann	<b>8</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Creston Frizzell</b> a Paul & Lisa Metzkes b Jonah Watson	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo &amp; Game Night</b> b John Loftis b Sarah Smedley	<b>11</b> ☆ <b>MOM Group Devotional</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High &amp; Sr. High Movie Night</b> b Carly Caviness
<b>12</b> ☆ <b>New 10-Week Classes Begin</b> ☆ <b>EDP Meeting</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> a Can & Dannette Margarini b Kasandra Jones	<b>15</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Jamey Hinds</b> a Robert & Norma Mariano	<b>16</b> b Jim Davis b Astrid Menendez	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> ☆ <b>Movie Night for Grades 5 &amp; Under</b> a Chuck & Marisa Reeves b Carolina Beliech
<b>19</b> a David & Traci Sproule b Jeff Leslie	<b>20</b> b Gorman Eriksen	<b>21</b> a Kirk & Mendy Crews	<b>22</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Tim Dooley</b> b Summer Snyder	<b>23</b> b Sarah Collier b Tina Wagner	<b>24</b> a Sylvester Jackson & Crystal Burroughs b Dan Jenkins	<b>25</b> ☆ <b>PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Beach Dinner</b> b Kameron Heitler
<b>Forever Camp at CFBC (July 19-25)</b>						
<b>26</b> b Marsha Beasley b Eva Fulton	<b>27</b> b Willie Cox b Tiffany Mayes	<b>28</b> a David & Skye Brown b Joy Cantrell	<b>29</b> ☆ <b>Summer Series with Mauricio Yegros</b>	<b>30</b> b Victor Colage	<b>31</b> b Robert Mariano	
<b>Upward Bound at CFBC (July 26-29)</b>						
<b>Adult Mission Trip to the Bahamas (July 27-August 3)</b>						

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 Thank You  
for worshipping with us

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**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. W. Alteme; Mr. Alton Christian; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. Joseph Dolan; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Mark Lester; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Mrs. Wilenda Petit-Homme; Ms. Jean Powers; and Mr. Jim Shiver.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Ms. Carmen Perez, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Bren Truitt, Littleton, CO; and Ms. Joy Vanhook, Greensboro, NC.

*Birthdays & Anniversaries* **This Week**

Sunday, June 21st  
Ivan & Amber Villard (Ann.)

Wednesday, June 24th  
Bret & Shelley Nesbitt (Ann.)

Tuesday, June 23rd  
Namdide & Ekaette Ikon (Ann.)  
Israel Cuevas

Thursday, June 25th  
Rodney Woods

# Lightpost

Katie Goodale has moved to Tampa.



We rejoice with **James Lang** who was baptized on Saturday, June 13.

# News & Notes

There is a **Wedding Shower for Halle Johnson & Daniel Wagner** this Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon.



**CONGREGATIONAL**  
*Baseball Game & Fireworks*  
**FRIDAY, JULY 3**  
Sign up on the bulletin board  
by Sunday, June 21.

## 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, June 21

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Lord's Supper ..... Paul Metzkes  
Singing  
Opening Prayer ..... Gary Jenkins  
Scripture Reading ..... Addison Collins  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Freddie Gadson

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna Can Margarini  
Gorman Ericksen Bobby Shelton  
Ken Gonsalves Cristian Suarez  
Rick Hall Darin Summerlot

### Sunday Evening, June 21

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Douglas Alvarena  
Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... David Lord  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... David Brown

Serve at Table:

Rick Hall Mike Damron

Audio this week: James Green  
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson  
Video this week: Ed Gager

### Wednesday Evening, June 24

Singing ..... Freddie Gadson  
Invitation ..... Tim Fry  
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

## Our Record

Attendance	Jun 14	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	154	160
Sun. AM Worship	254	271
Sun. PM Worship	107	104
Wed. Bible Study	113	123
Contribution	\$18,336	\$18,225

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,852

Service Coordinator:  
Eugene Williams

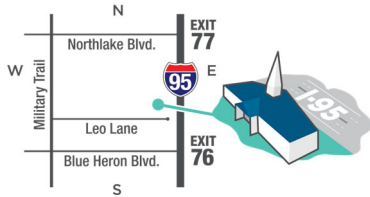
Ushers for this week: Rick Price & Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### 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: **Taco Trivia Champs: Brenda Collier, Loretta James, Lorena Pittman & Jean Archer**

# Walking *for* 30 Days WITH JESUS



## Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

<b>1</b> Matthew 1- Matthew 4	<b>9</b> Matthew 27- Mark 1	<b>17</b> Luke 6- Luke 7	<b>24</b> Luke 24- John 2
<b>2</b> Matthew 5- Matthew 7	<b>10</b> Mark 2- Mark 4	<b>18</b> Luke 8- Luke 9	<b>25</b> John 3- John 5
<b>3</b> Matthew 8- Matthew 10	<b>11</b> Mark 5- Mark 7	<b>19</b> Luke 10- Luke 11	<b>26</b> John 6- John 7
<b>4</b> Matthew 11- Matthew 13	<b>12</b> Mark 8- Mark 10	<b>20</b> Luke 12- Luke 14	<b>27</b> John 8- John 10
<b>5</b> Matthew 14- Matthew 17	<b>13</b> Mark 11- Mark 13	<b>21</b> Luke 15- Luke 18	<b>28</b> John 11- John 13
<b>6</b> Matthew 18- Matthew 21	<b>14</b> Mark 14- Mark 16	<b>22</b> Luke 19- Luke 21	<b>29</b> John 14- John 17
<b>7</b> Matthew 22- Matthew 24	<b>15</b> Luke 1- Luke 2	<b>23</b> Luke 22- Luke 23	<b>30</b> John 18- John 21
<b>8</b> Matthew 25- Matthew 26	<b>16</b> Luke 3- Luke 5		